Visit of Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun to Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur (MP)

Dr. Ashwani Kumar, IFS, Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education, Dehradun visited Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur (MP) today on 01/11/2014. First of all, Director General commissioned the **Forest Museum and Interpretation Centre (FMIC)** and **Mist Chamber** at TFRI. FMIC was established at TFRI to disseminate the forestry related knowledge to researchers, academicians and students. Commencement of Mist Chamber will help the genetic improvement programmes at the Institute.

Dr. U. Prakasham, Director TFRI, welcomed the Director General by presenting a bouquet. Dr. Nitin Kulkarni briefed him about the mandate of institute and various research activities currently being pursued at the institute. Research works and activities carried out by the Institute were well appreciated by the Director General. In his address, the Director General emphasized the need for optimal combination of progeny trials, multi-location trials and advanced generation seed orchards for enhancement of productivity. He highlighted the importance of fundamental research but advised the scientists for giving priority to applied research, which is the need of the hour, for benefit of the stakeholders. He also advised that the developed techniques must be converted to technology packages which should be economically viable, reproducible, feasible and user friendly. He also advised scientists to work in a focused manner in a specialized field to excel at National and International level in scientific arena.

In present era, there are three major challenges for scientific community i.e. qualitative and quantitative increase in forest cover, increase in forest productivity and conservation of biodiversity, he observed. He advised to work on the lesser known wild edible tropical forest species and develop value added products for the betterment of poor people. He also advised Director TFRI to come up with a book having significant research findings of the institute and to carry out the workshop/ symposia for their wide dissemination.

Dr. N. Roy Choudhary, Senior most scientist of the Institute presented the vote of thanks. Dr. Fatima Shirin, scientist conducted the programme. All scientists/ officers/ staffs of the Institute were present during the occasion.

On 2nd November 2014, Dr. Ashwani Kumar, DG, ICFRE along with Dr. U. Prakasham, Director TFRI and Shri P.Subramanyam, Group Co-ordinator Research (GCR) visited the Clonal Seed Orchard (CSO) of *Tectona grandis* (teak) at TFRI. During his visit to CSO, he enquired about its age and number of clones planted there. He advised Dr. Yogeshwar Mishra, Head of Genetics and Plant Propagation Division, to initiate measurement of the height, GBH, no. of branches and stem form of the trees and do the statistical analysis of the parameters. After culling the inferior clones, seeds are to be collected from at least 25 superior clones and progeny cum provenance trials established at multi-locational trials.

Next DG visited the Demonstration Plantation of tissue culture raised bamboo plants of three species, viz., *Bambusa nutans*, *B. tulda* and *Dendrocalamus asper* at the TFRI campus. He enquired about the existence of somaclonal variants in the tissue culture raised plants and shared his experiences about the somaclonal variation noted in tissue culture raised plants of *B. wamin* and *B. vulgaris* var. *striata*. He advised piling of soil around the root zone of the bamboo plants to avoid drying of newly emerged culms. He also advised tissue culture projects to be taken up with other bamboo species like *Melocanna baccifera* (Muli bans), *Phyllostachys nigra* (black bamboo) and others.

During his visit to NWFP nursery, he advised to transfer the cultivation techniques of economically important medicinal & aromatic plants to farmers of this area. He also suggested for developing market linkages between farmers and industries. He advised to make projects of applied nature so that farmers and stakeholders can be benefitted from research works on NTFPs. Smt. Neelu Singh, Head, NWFP Division, Shri Hari Om Saxena, Scientist-B, Shri Ajoy Deb Barma, Scientist-B, Dr. K.C. Chaudhary and other staff members of the division were present on the occasion.



Director TFRI, Dr. U. Prakasham welcoming DG, ICFRE Dr. Ashwani Kumar



Dr. Ashwani Kumar, DG, ICFRE accompanied by Dr. U. Prakasham Director TFRI, unveiling the plaque of FMIC





Director General, ICFRE cuts ribbon at opening of FMIC



DG, ICFRE cuts ribbon at opening of MIST CHAMBER





Dr. Ashwani Kumar, DG, ICFRE planting a plant at Institute campus

A few glimpses of DG visit to FMIC















A few glimpses of DG visit to Mist Chamber













Visit of DG to Insectary







DG, ICFRE interacting with TFRI scientists, Officers and Staff members





DG visit to Clonal Seed Orchard (CSO) of Tectona grandis





Visit of DG to Demonstration plantation of Bamboos:







Visit of DG to NWFP Nursery







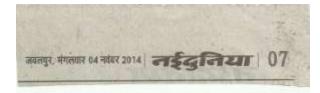




Media Coverage of DG Visit









टीएक अस्त्राई नीमर्खेडा में कक्ष का उद्घाटन करते महानिदेशक ही, कुनार ।

जबलपुर। भागतीय वानिकी अनुसंधान एवं शिक्षा परिषद वेहराकून के महानिदेशक । बा स्थापठ किया। वॉ. निविन कुलकर्मी हाँ, अधिको कुमर ने उथा कटिबंधीय कर 🗦 उनकटिबंधीय कर अनुमंत्रान संस्थान अनुसंधान सीमान का दौरा किया। इस के मेनडेट एवं नहीं किए का रहे होच की मोक पर उन्होंने वानिकी परिचय केन्द्र, संप्रधानय और धूंधकर वा उदाहर विकसित तकरोवों को पूर्व टेक्सलोजी किया।

नानिनये परिचय केन्द्र एवं संप्रहालय खुनने से गांध करने वाले , प्रशिक्षण देने वाले और अन्य विद्यार्थियों को कर पूर्व रहे। टीएमजार आई में पिछले एक प्रशास पर्यायस्था से पुढ़ी जनकारी आसानी से से चल रहे सटकेट आपकलता साताह

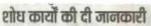
निदेशक डॉ.यू प्रकाशम ने डॉ.अरिवरी जनकारी दी।दिशानिकों ने संस्थान द्वारा फैरेज के रूप में बारने वह जग्रता किया। इस मौके पर धी.एव राप चीपरी, खीं, पातिमा शिरीन, हरी औम सब्सेना मौजूद मिल सकेंगे। इस मीके पर संस्थात के जा समापन भी सोमजार को किया गया।





JABALPUR, TUESDAY, 04/11/2014









जनसम्पर ▶ भारतीय अनुसंधान एवं शिका परिषद देहरादून के डॉ अश्यनी कुम्बर ने उण्णकटियोधीय वन अनुसंधान संस्थान अकलपुर का दौरा किया। इस दौरान वानिकी परिचय केन्द्र एवं संब्रह्मलय तथा पुन्यकश्च का उद्घायटन किया। डॉ यू प्रवश्नाम हारा पूष्पमुच्छ भेटे किए गए। डॉ मितिन कुलकर्मी ने संस्थितरेपक को विधिन्न शोध कश्यों की जानकारी दी। कर्मक्रम में डॉ एन राय चीचरी, डॉ फार्तिमा शिरीन आदि की सीन्द्रवी रही।