<u>Research Advisory Group meeting held at T.F.R.I., Jabalpur</u> <u>on 10 – 11, November, 2014</u>

Research Advisory Group (RAG) - 2014 meeting was held at Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur (MP) on dated 10 - 11, November, 2014.

Dr. U. Prakasham, Director and Shri P. Subramanyam, GCR of TFRI welcomed the Chief Guest Dr. P.K. Shukla, Retd. PCCF, Madhya Pradesh and Guest of Honour, Shri Mafyul Hussain, PCCF, Maharastra respectively by presenting bouquets. In the welcome address given by the Director, TFRI, he briefed about the purpose of RAG meeting. He highlighted that the scientists of TFRI are passing a considerable time in the fields to solve the problems raised by the field officers in the sates of MP, CG, MH and Odisha. He mesmerized the august gathering towards Forest Museum and Interpretation Centre (FMIC) recently established at TFRI whose purpose is to make available the forestry related knowledge to researchers, academicians and students at one place only.

Dr. Nitin Kulkarni, Scientist-G briefed the Hon'ble RAG members about the mandate as well as various research activities being pursued at the institute. He emphasized on the techniques and technologies like integrated management of insects and pests using biopesticides and biocontrol measures, various agroforestry models, sustainable harvesting practices of forest products, mass production of biofertilizers and management of fungal diseases in forest nurseries, storage methods for seeds etc being extended to stakeholders through workshops/ training programmes at Institute level as well as at various places of jurisdiction states.

Shri P. Subramanyam, GCR of the Institute threw light on the summary of research works and activities carried out by the Institute in the last one year and also the actions taken by the Institute as per the instructions of previous RAG meet. The research works and various other activities being performed by the Institute were well appreciated by the house.

Guest of honor, Shri Mafyul Hussain appreciated the research works being carried out by TFRI scientists and wished that a centre of TFRI should be stationed in Maharashtra state also.

The Chief Guest Dr. P.K. Shukla stressed the works on climate change, carbon sequestration and population dynamics of important insects. He also emphasized the need for development of sustainable managed models for villages in the vicinity of forest areas by involving JFM committees. He also emphasized on the importance of NTFPs for the livelihood

of forest fringe villagers and tribals and advised to work on the sustainable management of NTFPs in forest areas. Technical sessions for scrutinizing and finalizing the new project proposals in relation to requirements of stakeholders were chaired by Shri Mafyul Hussain (PCCF, Maharashtra), Dr. P.K. Shukla (Retd. PCCF, MP), Dr. Jitendra Agrawal (APCCF, Wild Life, MP) and Dr. S.K. Banerjee (Retd. Senior Scientist, TFRI).

Dr. G.S. Goraya (DDG, Research) addressed the house through video conferencing. He emphasized that projects proposals should be finalized after performing exhausted review of literature to avoid the duplicacy of the research works. He also stressed that projects findings should be published in the journals of good impact factors and the casual manner of writing of PCRs are also should be avoided.

Shri P. Subramanyam, GCR of the Institute delivered the vote of thanks to all Hon'ble RAG members and scientists/ officers/ staff of TFRI for their efforts to make the event successful. He also assured the DDG (Research) and Hon'ble RAG members for performing the quality research for the benefit of stakeholders on behalf of TFRI research team.

Dr. Gopa Pandey, APCCF (MP), Dr. Y. Satyam, APCCF (MP), Dr. M.C. Sharma, APCCF (MP), Dr. A.R. Sharma, Director, National Research centre for Weed Sciences, Jabalpur, Dr. Ram Prakash, Director, SFRI, Jabalpur, Dr. S.K. Banerjee, Retd. Senior Scientist, TFRI, Dr. S.D. Upadhyaya, JNKV, Jabalpur, Shri H.S. Mahanta, DFO, Mandla (MP), Dr. Rebecca Reubens, Rhizome, Ahmedabad, Shri Rajesh Ranga, M/s Shivam Timbers, Jabalpur, Shri Arvind Agrawal, M/s Radheshyam Arvind Agarwal, Jabalpur, Shri Gaurishankar Mukati, Farmers Association Leader, Harda (MP) etc, all scientists/ officers of TFRI and other stakeholders participated in the meeting and provided their valuable inputs & suggestions for fine tuning the project proposals.



Dr. U. Prakasham, Director, TFRI welcoming the Chief Guest Dr. P.K. Shukla, Retd. PCCF, Madhya Pradesh



Shri P. Subramanyam, GCR, TFRI welcoming the Guest of Honor, Shri Mafyul Hussain, PCCF, Maharashtra



Dr. N. Roy Choudhary, Scientist-G, TFRI welcoming Dr. Jitendra Agrawal, APCCF (Wildlife), MP





Discussions during the RAG Meeting

Media coverage of the event



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