

## Pre-Indian Forest Congress Workshop at TFRI

Under the United Nations proclaimed *International Year of Forests – 2011*, the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), New Delhi, will be organizing *First Indian Forest Congress, 2011* and the Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE) has been entrusted with this task under the central theme "*Forests in a Changing World*", with the objectives; To bring together various stakeholders of forestry including the researchers, planners, implementers and beneficiaries to exchange experiences and knowledge, to express and exchange views which may help research organizations to identify future areas of study and the central and state organizations and civil societies to plan future work and Networking of various forestry organizations. The central theme of the Indian Forests Congress, i.e., "*Forests in a changing world*" is to be discussed under five major themes through *Pre-Indian Forest Congress Workshops* organization of which has been entrusted to different institutes of the ICFRE, Dehradun.



In this connection, Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur is organizing *Pre-IFC Workshop* on 5th July, 2011, aiming at brainstorming discussion on various issues related to the allotted theme "*Forests in Society*". This workshop is expected to be attended by various sections of the society, who are experts in their field related to the forests and society and their inter-relationships. Some of the notable speakers expected to be attending this workshop are Dr. R.B. Lal, Director, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Shri Rajendra Singh from Tarun Bharat Sangh, Alwar, Rajasthan (a notable Ramon Magsaysay Award Winner for his work on water conservation, also known as Waterman), Shri Kartikeya Sarabhai, Director, CEE, Nehru Foundation for Development, Shri Sanjay Upadhyay (environment related legal expert) and senior forest officers from MoEF and various other parts of the country including Shri R.K. Dave,



Shri R.K. Dave, PCCF, MP, Shri A.K. Joshi, PCCF, Maharashtra and Shri A.K. Singh, PCCF, Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The national status of the issues, which will be discussed in length in the workshop include Forests and Land Use Policy, Forests in Urban Landscape, Forest Governance and Institutional Reforms, Forests and Community: Forging Partnerships and Forests and Traditional Knowledge.