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ग्रीन क्रेडिट के तहत पारिस्थितिकी पुनरुद्धार का कार्य जारी

एफआरआई में ग्रीन क्रेडिट प्रोग्राम पर हितधारकों के लिए कार्यशाला का किया गया आयोजन

देहरादून। एफआरआई में ग्रीन क्रेडिट प्रोग्राम पर हितधारकों के लिए आयोजित कार्यशाला में भारतीय वानिकी अनुसंधान एवं शिक्षा परिषद की महानिदेशक कंचनदेवी ने कहा कि ग्रीन क्रेडिट के तहत 12 राज्यों में कार्य शुरू कर दिया गया है। इसमें पारिस्थितिकी पुनरुद्धार (इको रेस्टोरेशन) के तहत 4391 हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र में कार्य किया जा रहा है।

उन्होंने कहा कि ग्रीन क्रेडिट कार्यक्रम के तहत किए गए पर्यावरणीय संकल्पों को धरातल पर प्रभावी, मापनीय और टिकाऊ परिणामों में बदलना ही मुख्य उद्देश्य है, इस कार्यशाला में विभिन्न क्षेत्रों से लोग पहुंचे हैं, उनके अनुभव और विचार भविष्य की ठोस कार्ययोजना को आकार देने में बेहद महत्वपूर्ण साबित होंगे। सभी सुझावों का आईसीएफआरई द्वारा बारीकी से परीक्षण किया जाएगा, ताकि उन पर जरूरी कदम उठाए जा सकें। इसका मकसद ग्रीन क्रेडिट कार्यक्रम के क्रियान्वयन को जमीनी स्तर पर और अधिक मजबूत व प्रभावी बनाना है, जिससे पारिस्थितिकी और पर्यावरण पुनरुद्धार के लक्ष्य तय समय में हासिल किए जा सकें।



ग्रीन कैडिट कार्यक्रम के दौरान पुस्तक का विमोचन करते अतिथि। स्रोत- आयोजक

महानिरीक्षक वन आर. रघु प्रसाद ने कहा कि ग्रीन क्रेडिट प्रोग्राम का लक्ष्य है, उसको सभी के सहयोग से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। वक्ताओं ने कहा कि कार्यशाला के माध्यम से सभी हितधारकों को ग्रीन क्रेडिट प्रोग्राम की जानकारी साझा करना है, जिससे सभी का सहयोग मिल सके।

तकनीकी सत्रों में ग्रीन क्रेडिट कार्यक्रम के विवरण, इसके विनियामक ढांचे, कार्यक्रम के तहत खराब हो चुकी वन भूमि पर किए गए वनीकरण के उपयोग से क्षतिपूरक वनीकरण संबंधी आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति के लिए जारी दिशा-निर्देशों की जानकारी साझा की गई। वक्ताओं ने बताया कि कैसे संस्थान प्रोग्राम में सहभागिता कर सकते हैं। ज्ञात हो कि ग्रीन क्रेडिट कार्यक्रम के तहत आठ पर्यावरणीय गतिविधियों के माध्यम से ग्रीन क्रेडिट सृजित करने की परिकल्पना की गई है। इनमें वृक्षारोपण, जल प्रबंधन, सतत कृषि, अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन, मैंग्रोव पुनर्स्थापन, इकोमार्क लेबल का विकास, सतत भवन एवं अवसंरचना तथा वायु प्रदूषण में कमी लाना शामिल है।

35 संस्थाओं के लोगों ने किया प्रतिभाग

कार्यशाला में 35 सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों एवं कॉरपोरेट संस्थाओं के प्रतिनिधि शामिल हुए। निदेशक आरती चौधरी, उप महानिरीक्षक अमित आनंद, जनसंपर्क अधिकारी तारा चंद आदि थे।

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ICFRE calls for wider participation in Green Credit Programme

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Dehradun: Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) has called for greater stakeholder participation to accelerate the implementation of its Green Credit Programme (GCP), which covers eight environmental activities, including tree plantation, water management and waste management.

At a workshop held at Forest Research Institute (FRI) in Dehradun on Wednesday, officials discussed ways to strengthen the programme under its revised implementation framework and expand participation by public sector undertakings (PSUs) and corporate entities.

The programme initially focused on tree plantation and ecological restoration through PSU participation. According to ICFRE,

around 4,391 hectares across 12 states have been taken up for restoration. Gujarat accounted for the largest area at 975 hectares, followed by Madhya Pradesh (640 hectares), Chhattisgarh (536 hectares), Bihar (460 hectares) and Assam (454 hectares).

Inaugurating the workshop, ICFRE director general Kanchan Devi said green credits must reflect measurable ecological restoration rather than merely serve as financial assets. R Raghu Prasad, inspector general of forests (forest policy) in the Union environment ministry, highlighted the need for wider participation to ensure effective implementation.

The technical sessions covered the programme's regulatory framework, the use of afforestation raised on degraded forest land to meet compensatory afforestation requirements, and environmental, social and governance (ESG) disclosures. The GCP covers eight activities: tree plantation, water management, sustainable agriculture, waste management, mangrove restoration, development of Ecomark labels, sustainable building and infrastructure, and air pollution reduction.

Officials from around 35 PSUs and corporate entities, along with representatives of ministries and regulatory institutions, attended the workshop. Arti Chaudhary, director of international cooperation; Amit Anand, deputy inspector general of forests (forest policy); and Mahaling, head of ICFRE's Green Credit Cell, were also present.

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ICFRE chief calls for measurable environmental gains under green credit programme

By Shishir Prashant Oct 28, 2026

Kanchan Devi, Director General of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), on Wednesday stressed that Green Credits must reflect measurable ecological restoration on the ground rather than being treated merely as financial assets or certificates.

Her message underlined the need to assess the actual environmental benefits of activities undertaken under the Green Credit Programme. For instance, in tree plantation projects, success should not be measured only by the number of saplings planted but also by their survival and contribution to ecological restoration. Similarly, water management and mangrove restoration projects should deliver verifiable environmental benefits.

Devi was speaking as the chief guest at a workshop organised by ICFRE at the Forest Research Institute's Convocation Hall in Dehradun to encourage wider stakeholder participation and accelerate implementation of the Green Credit Programme (GCP). The workshop brought together more than 70 participants representing around 35 public sector undertakings and corporate entities, along with officials from ministries and regulatory bodies.

R. Raghu Prasad, Inspector General of Forests (Forest Policy) in the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), highlighted the importance of expanding stakeholder participation to accelerate the programme's implementation.

The Green Credit Programme was proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the G20 Summit in September 2023. Its rules were notified on October 12, 2023, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, with ICFRE serving as the programme administrator. The Global Green Credit Initiative portal was jointly launched by Modi and the UAE President during the COP28 climate conference in December 2023. The programme covers eight activities: tree plantation, water management, sustainable agriculture, waste management, mangrove restoration, Ecomark labels, sustainable building and infrastructure, and measures to reduce air pollution.

Initially, the tree plantation and ecological restoration component focused on public sector undertakings. These efforts covered around 4,391 hectares across 12 states, according to information shared at the workshop. The programme's methodology was revised in August 2025 and its implementation modalities in September 2025 to broaden participation. Private companies, corporate entities, non-governmental organisations, philanthropic institutions, individuals and other eligible entities can now participate under the revised framework.

Technical sessions at the workshop covered the programme's regulatory framework, afforestation on degraded forest land to meet compensatory afforestation requirements, and environmental, social and governance (ESG) disclosures. The workshop was attended by Arti Chaudhary, Director of International Cooperation at ICFRE; Amit Anand, Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Forest Policy) at MoEFCC; and Mahaling, head of ICFRE's Green Credit Cell, among other officials.