



MoU signed

between

**Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education
(ICFRE), Dehradun**

and

**Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment
Council (TIFAC), New Delhi**

on

20th March, 2018



In the august presence of Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 20th March, 2018 at Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), New Delhi between Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun (an Autonomous Council under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) and Technology Information, Forecasting & Assessment Council (TIFAC), New Delhi (an Autonomous Council under Department of Science and Technology). The MoU was signed by Dr. S.C. Gairola, Director General, ICFRE, Dehradun and Dr. Prabhat Ranjan, Executive Director, TIFAC, New Delhi. During the MoU signing ceremony, Shri C.K. Mishra, IAS, Secretary, MoEF &CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi and Shri Siddhanta Das, IAS, Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, MoEF &CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi were present along with senior officials of the ministries and both organisations.

Through this collaboration, TIFAC shall help ICFRE to refine and up-scale the technologies developed, take technologies to the end users including farmers, State Forest Departments, forest based industries and forest dependent communities in a more effective manner. This will help in providing livelihood opportunities and augment income of the forest based communities and also assist the industries to optimize the utilization of forest based resources with access of technology to different users.

The MoU shall be initially for a period of five years and has following salient features.

1. Prioritization of technologies developed by ICFRE in consultation with stakeholders
2. Creating patent awareness in the field of forestry and environment including wood science and allied subjects for ICFRE and its institutes
3. Patent searching and filing in the field of Forestry and allied subjects
4. Identifying technology gaps and commercialization of technologies
5. Forest based technologies extension and transfer through stakeholder consultations
6. Interaction with stakeholders on regular basis.
