



# ICFRE-INSTITUTE OF FOREST PRODUCTIVITY, RANCHI

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## Visit of the Special Secretary and senior forest officials of Bihar State Forest Department to the ICFRE-IFP Ranchi

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ICFRE-Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi organized an interactive meeting with the Senior Forest Officials of the Bihar State forests Department on dated 20.07.2023. In the meeting Shri Om Pra-



kash Yadav, Special Secretary, Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of Bihar, Shri Ashutosh, Princi-

pal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Shri A. K. Prasad, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Working Plan and Research) and Shri Ritwik Abhilash, Marketing Manager, BFDCL Patna, Bihar were participated. The dignitaries were welcomed by the Director of the Institute and briefed about the purpose and objectives of the meeting. A presentation was made during the meeting about the research accomplishments and ongoing activities of the Institute by the Group Coordinator Research, Dr. Yogeshwar Mishra. He also informed the august gathering about the activities and initiatives taken by the institute to promote agroforestry and development of productive clones and varieties of agroforestry tree species in the state of Bihar. A detailed presentation was made about the activities proposed in the submitted project proposals to the SFD Bihar for financial assistance and the Special secretary and officials agreed in principal to extend financial support for the execution of projects in Bihar.

During the course of discussion, Shri Om Prakash Yadav, Special Secretary enlightened the house that in the present scenario of shrinkage of forest areas in Bihar, agro-forestry remains as the only viable option to increase tree cover in the state and he urged the institute to submit the projects on agroforestry and stressed about the inclusion of fast growing tree species like Melia dubia, Poplar and Chah (Acacia lentacularis) which are either endemic or well adapted to Bihar conditions.

### Glimpses of the Programme



He advised that the technology developed in the lab should definitely come to the field and the concept of lab to land should come in reality. On behalf of the Forest Department, he has been agreed to cooperate with the Institute of Forest Productivity on short-term, mid-term and long-term target oriented projects for forestry research in the state. He stressed on establishment of a centre of excellence on Bamboo value addition, modern nursery development, demonstration of technologies developed by the ICFRE-IFP, Ranchi and research plot establishment on at least 30 hectare area in Araria district. He also asked to devise a road map for achieving the long term needs of the state in the field of forestry and agroforestry. He emphasized on developing multi-facility centre at Munger and Gaya for achieving long term objectives and targets. Shri Ashutosh, PCCF (HoFF) asked to work for developing value added products of bamboos, development of disease-resistant/tolerant clones of shisham and establishment of Permanent Observation Plots (POP) in Bihar to study the effect of climate change on forest etc. Besides, he suggested the Jadua Centre needs to be upgraded and make it more farmer oriented with modern facilities. He assured of providing land in different agroclimatic zones of Bihar for the establishment of field trials, establishment of CSOs and SSOs. The officials informed the gathering that, the 8 number of projects submitted by the ICFRE-IFP Ranchi has already been included in "Krishi Road Map, 2023-2028" and institute has to reframe the targets under the project and focus the activities in Araria, Munger and Gaya districts instead of Jadua Hajipur only. Shri A. K. Prasad (PCCF, WP and Research) suggested that Jadua centre should focus on propagating quality planting materials and bamboo treatment can be utilized for capacity building programme. The meeting was ended by formal vote of thanks proposed by Smt. Anjana. The dignitaries also visited the Institute's Technology Demonstration and Interpretation Center and praised the way of demonstration of activities through models displayed in TDC. The meeting was attended by the Scientists, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chief Technical Officers and technical staff of the institute.

