

Centre for Forest Policy Research (CFPR)

CFPR aims to become "Center of Excellence for Public Policy Research" in the arena of forest, wildlife and natural resource management and governance by providing leadership, best practices, research and support. The center will serve as 'policy think tank' for Government of India and play policy advocacy role, provide inputs for policy formation, implementation and evaluation for ensuring optimal usage and conservation of natural resources in the country.

The CFPR conducts policy research in the arena of forest, wildlife natural resources management and provide inputs for the Government in the process of policy formulation, implementation and evaluation for management of forest & environment sectors. The CFPR's mission is:

1. To provide inputs to the Government for better policy formulation for the management of forest and natural resources in the country.
2. To undertake consultancy projects on policy advocacy and assignments related to evaluation of government policies/programmes/projects.
3. To strengthen the policy formulation for the better governance of forest and natural resources, making use of rich research experience and expertise available in the ICFRE in the forestry sector.
4. To augment the capacity building of public servants, researchers and executives with latest techniques and tools for better policy formulation, implementation and evaluation.

Presently following four policy research studies have been undertaken by CFPR.

- (i) **Policy issues in Agroforestry including market mechanisms, forward and backward linkages, regional availability, transit of forest produce, linkages with NDC targets, choice of species and utilization aspects.**
- (ii) **Institutions of community participation including Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) and Eco-Development Committees (EDCs), linkages with Panchayati Raj Institutions, review of their working in various regions of the country and identification of successful models and shortcomings.**
- (iii) **Popularization of the use of wood and wood-based substitutes as per the National Forest Policy and modalities for facilitating industries for its optimal utilization.**

(iv) Functioning of Forest Development Corporations and their role in the present scenario.

The following six (6) Policy Research Studies were advertised.

1. Issues in forest certification and certifying agencies.
2. Study for Grazing policies in selected states of India to formulate A National Grazing Policy (NGP).
3. Devising Methodologies for periodical valuation and payment of ecosystem services.
4. Guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of privately owned forests for non-forestry uses.
5. Public private partnerships in a board perspective in forestry involving various sections of the society.
6. Augmenting resources including innovative means of fund raising for achieving the targets enshrined in various policy documents – Review of the existing schemes and formulation of new ones with self-financing capacity

Policy studies and executing agencies

Organization	Policy Study
Network for Certification and Conservation of Forest, New Delhi	Policy issues in agroforestry including market mechanism, forward and backward linkages, regional availability, transit of forest produce, linkages with NDC targets, choice of species and utilization
The Energy & Resource Institute, New Delhi	Institutions of community participation including Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMs) and Eco-Development Committees (EDCs), linkages with Panchayati Raj Institutions, review of their working in various regions of the country and identification of successful models and shortcomings
Network for Certification and Conservation of Forest, New Delhi	Popularization of the use of wood and wood substitutes as per the National Forest Policy and modalities for facilitating industries for its optimum utilization.
IUCN and IORA, New Delhi	Functioning of Forest Department Corporations and their Role in the present scenario.