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FOREWORD

The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun is a leading organization in the forestry sector which is actively engaged in holistic development of forestry research, education and extension for sustainable management and development of forestry resources through scientific deliberations and through delivering simple innovative technologies to the stakeholders.

The need for food and water security by focusing on management of forest fringe areas is growing in today's challenging milieu. The necessity of an active management in the fringe forests for water conservation and management of minor forest produces on sustainable basis, integrating Biodiversity Conservation with Climate Change, to provide food and livelihood security of nearly 300 million people abutting these forests is of prime importance. The Council focuses its activities on the livelihood issues of farmers, tribals and rural folks, especially women, besides its other regular activities. The Research Thrust Areas have been revamped, and six thrust areas and 35 themes have been identified. National Subject Matter Coordinators (NSMCs) have been appointed for each theme, and 35 State of Knowledge Reports (SKRs) on various themes of forestry are under preparation.

All India Coordinated Projects (AICPs), inter-institutional projects and networked projects have been envisaged to avoid duplication and for optimum utilization of resources. National Project Directors have been designated in all the six thrust areas to formulate the national programmes and to implement and execute them.

Besides the above, the Council has constituted a Task Force to prepare a change-matrix of the forest vegetation in the country considering the fact that the composition of the forest types of India was revised last in 1968. ICFRE has been entrusted with consultancies for the reclamation and rehabilitation (R&R) plans of mine-affected areas of the Bellary, Chitradurga and Tumkur districts of Karnataka. R&R plans prepared by the Council for 10 mines were subsequently approved by the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

The Council has established 26 Van Vigyan Kendras in different states/UTs under XI Five Year Plan with the objective of dissemination of various technologies developed by the Council. However, our presence is insufficient and therefore, to fill the gap between the need and resource, we have initiated collaboration for networking the VVKs with Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi. ICFRE has also launched a new innovative scheme 'Direct to Consumers' for immediate transfer of technologies on completion of a research project to consumers/stakeholders. ICFRE is mandated to promote forestry education in the country. This year we have released grants-in-aid of an amount of Rs. 100.00 lakh to 10 universities. Besides, ICFRE has been actively involved in the Mid Career Training Programme of IFS officers (Phase-III).

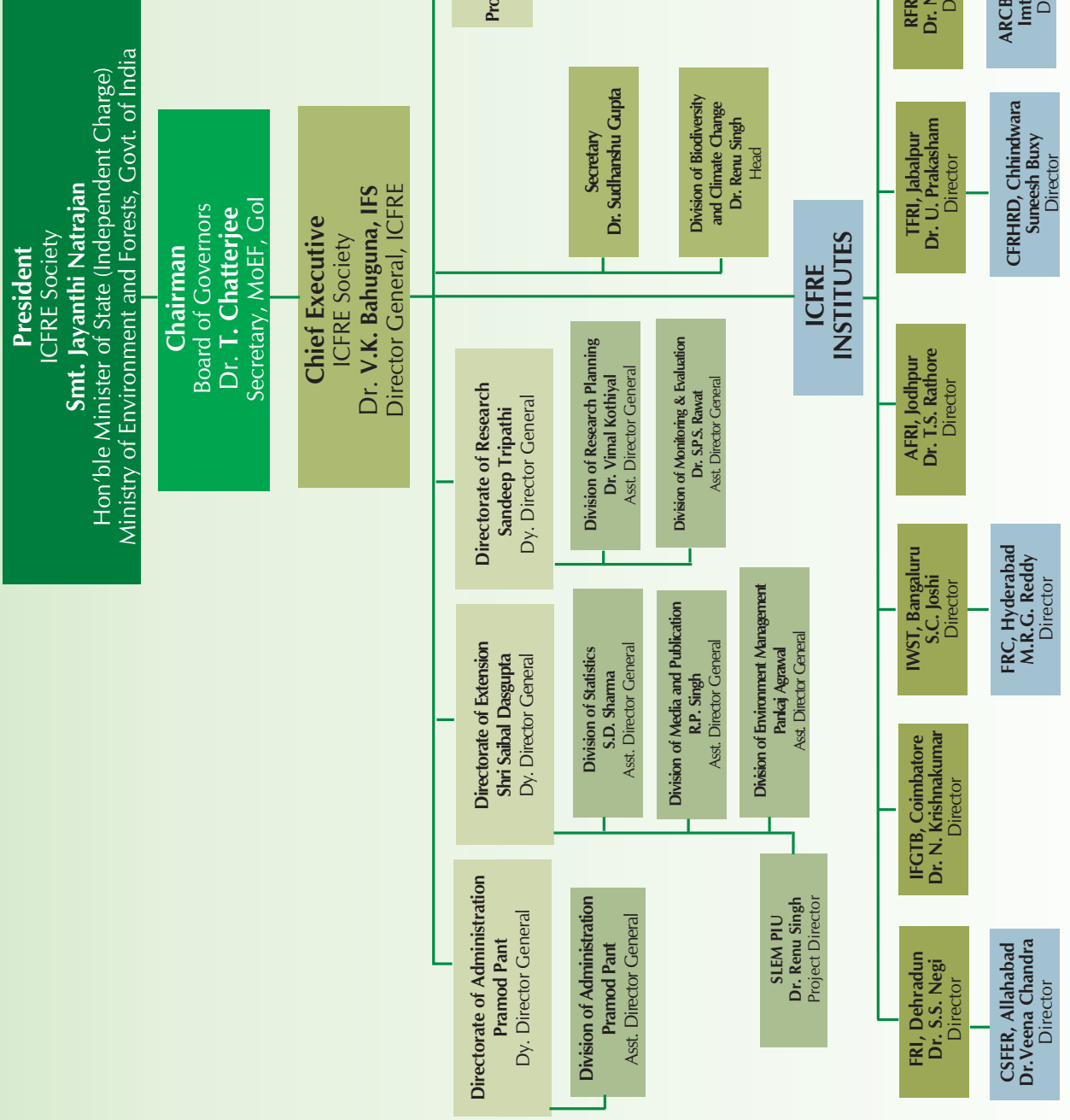
This year the Council organized the first ever Indian Forest Congress at New Delhi. The Congress was attended by 550 participants from over 50 organizations. New Delhi Forest Charter 2011 was adopted at the conclusion of the event. I have the pleasure to present the ICFRE Annual Report 2011-12 which, I am sure, will provide a brief account of activities performed by the Council during the year.

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