

**Visit of Dr. V.K. Bahuguna, Director General, ICFRE to Forest Research Centre,  
Hyderabad, 3-5<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

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The Director General of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dr. V. K. Bahuguna, IFS, was on tour to Hyderabad from 3-5<sup>th</sup> November 2011. He visited the Forest Research Centre, Hyderabad, on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and reviewed the infrastructure & ongoing research projects. Sri S.C. Joshi, IFS, Director, IWST and Sri M.R.G. Reddy, IFS, Head, FRC were present. Dr. V.K. Bahuguna has emphasized to reorient the focus of the Forest Research Centre towards a few thrust areas like fringe area development through agroforestry models, livelihood models for tribals, climate change and technology for increased cultivation of Red sanders and Sandalwood. Dr. V.K. Bahuguna has directed his scientists at the Forest Research Centre to take up research projects on genetic conservation, cultivation, wood chemistry, wood anatomy and advanced genomic research of Red Sanders.

Earlier during a high level meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011, at the Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh Forest Department, Sri C. Madhukar Raj, PCCF, APFD, and Dr. V.K. Bahuguna, DG, ICFRE, agreed upon collaborative research through Memorandum of Understanding in a few broad areas viz., (i) Fringe area development for fodder, fuel wood and small timber, (ii) Assessment of resource potential of NTFP in Andhra Pradesh and their contribution to economy; development of yield tables and yield prediction models for various NTFPs, and (iii) Bioprospecting. Scientists at Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education and Andhra Pradesh Forest Department will chalk out details of collaboration needed in these broad areas that are directly linked to the livelihood of rural people in Andhra Pradesh.



Dr. V.K. Bahuguna, DG, ICFRE, reviewing ongoing research projects at FRC, Hyderabad.



Dr. V.K. Bahuguna, DG, ICFRE, inspecting media preparation room at FRC, Hyderabad.