XV RESEARCH ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi
27-28 November, 2013

The XV Research Advisory Group meeting was held at the Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi on 27-28 November, 2013. At the onset, Dr. S.A.Ansari, Director of the Institute and Chairman of the RAG extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries and members of the RAG - Dr. Jamaluddin, a CSIR emeritus scientist, Department of Bioscience, Rani Durgavati University, Jabalpur, Ms. Dikhsha Kumari Prasad, Conservator of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Professor M.S. Malik, Chairman, Silviculture and Agroforestry Department, Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi, Shri Roshan Lal, Tajna Shellac Private Limited, Khunti, Shri Sharat Singh, Coordinator, Society for Wasteland Development, Ranchi and Shri Binod Horo, In-Charge, Society for Participatory Action and Reflection, Ranchi and acknowledged their endeavours for shaping the research programme of the institute. He thanked them for their valued presence and their expertise for improvement of research output in core as well as inter-disciplinary forestry sectors.

Dr Ansari appraised the house about the importance of the RAG and called upon the stakeholders to actively crystallize and distill forestry research for economic and environmental benefit of the people of the region. The house was also briefed of the process to be adopted for scoring the new projects and review of progress of ongoing projects, presented before the RAG for further recommendations of Research Policy Committee of ICFRE for final approval.

Dr. Sanjay Singh, Scientist-E presented a brief overview of the Institute alongwith the research highlights, extension activities and achievements. Following this, 07 new research projects and 10 on-going research projects under different thrust areas were presented with elaborate discussions and critical evaluation. The

discussions, suggestions and modifications were duly recorded by the rapporteurs. The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Animesh Sinha, Scientist-D.