

Training programme on 'Forest Rules, Ecology and Biodiversity' for the Executives of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh started at ICFRE, Dehradun

A four days training programme for the executives of South Eastern Coalfields Limited, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh related to the Forest Rules, Ecology and Biodiversity started at Indian Council of Forestry, Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun on 24.09.2024. The SECL is a subsidiary of Coal India Limited, Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India. The training programme is being organized by the Environment Management Division, Directorate of Extension, ICFRE.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. Sudhir Kumar, Deputy Director General (Extn.), ICFRE. ADGs, Scientist of ICFRE and others were also present during the occasion. Dr. Sudhir Kumar in his inaugural address emphasized for the need of scientific methods for eco-restoration of coal mined out areas for holistic and sustainable management of environment. He also spoke about the importance of Forest ecology and biodiversity in relation to coal mining activities. Dr. A. N. Singh, ADG (EM), ICFRE and Course Co-ordinator briefed about the 04 days training programme and topics to be covered. The vote of thanks was extended by Dr. Vishavjit Kumar, Senior Scientist from Environment Management Division of ICFRE.

During the training programme from 24 -27 September, 2024, eminent experts are scheduled to deliver lectures on various topics covering Forest Rules, Ecology and Biodiversity Assessment, Nursery and Plantation Techniques for De-coaled Areas, Eco-restoration of Coal Mined Out Areas, Carbon Capture and Carbon Market, Green Credit initiatives by India and application of GIS tools in mapping of landscape will be covered during the training programme. Apart from technical sessions, field visits/demonstrations related to the topics and eco-rehabilitation sites and visits to FRI Museums, Botanical Garden, Central Nursery etc. are also scheduled.



