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Potentilla argyrophylla, Kunjum (Spiti)

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## 21<sup>st</sup> Session of Asia Pacific Forestry Commission 2006 at ICFRE

Asia Pacific Forestry Commission (APFC) which meets every two years, is one of six Regional Forestry Commissions established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to provide a policy and technical forum for countries to discuss forestry issues on a regional basis. The FAO and the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India organized 21<sup>st</sup> session of APFC at the Headquarters of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2006. Representatives from 29 member countries, 3 members from United Nations along with observers, representatives from 3 non-member countries and 25 regional International Intergovernmental and Non-governmental organizations participated



in the session along with Indian delegation.



Shri G. K. Prasad, Additional Inspector General, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India and Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun welcomed the participants on behalf of the Government of India. Shri J. C. Kala, Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment and





Forests, Government of India addressed the participants and outlined the salient forestry programmes of the Government of India. Mr. He Changchui, Assistant Director General and Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, welcomed participants on behalf of the Director General of FAO. Mr. Wulf Killmann, Director of the Forest Products and Economic Division represented the Forestry Department of FAO.

Dr. R. K. Pachauri, Director General, Tata Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and Chairman, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, delivered the keynote address.

Shri Narayan Dutt Tiwari, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttaranchal, presided over the function and delivered the presidential address. Shri Namo Narain Meena, Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment and Forests, Government of India, delivered the inaugural address and vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Shashi Kumar, Director (Research), ICFRE and Chairman, Organizing Committee.

The commission unanimously elected Shri J.C. Kala, Director General of

Forests and Special Secretary, MoEF as Chairperson to hold the office until commencement of the twenty second session.

A special session was held to discuss the progress towards sustainable forest management, where regional results of the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2005 and recent developments and issues undertaken by the countries were discussed. The commission held a special in-session seminar on payment for environmental services and pre-session workshop on forests and poverty reduction. The commission considered the use of innovative financing such as the payment of environmental services and the role of regional mechanisms in promoting sustainable forest management. Delegates further discussed codes of practices for planting forests; forest harvesting, forest genetic resources, invasive species, and wild land fires, and the FAO/ITTO guidelines best practices on law compliance in the forest sector. The session ended with appreciation for the offer of the delegation from Vietnam to host its twenty second session at Vietnam.

## ***Community based forestry project launched in Bihar***

An integrated community based forest management project sponsored by Planning Commission of India was launched in Bihar state during March, 2006. The ICFRE and its institute will execute activity in active collaboration with the State Forest Department of Bihar. The first phase of the project from 2005-2006 to 2006-2007 for Rs. 51 crores has been initiated with an objective of increasing forest cover and promotion of agroforestry to meet day-to-day needs, economic and ecological well being of the rural population in north and south Bihar. ICFRE will be looking after the agroforestry component of the project and will be implemented mainly in North Bihar. State Forest Department will be implementing rehabilitation of the degraded forests in south Bihar. During phase - I agro forestry component will be implemented by Institute of Forest Productivity (IFP), Ranchi with the technical support of Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun and Tropical Forest Research Institute (TFRI), Jabalpur, in Vaishali District and the rehabilitation of degraded forests (RDF) will be implemented by Banka Forest Division of Bihar Forest Department.

Phase-2 of the project for Rs. 252.33 crores is proposed to be implemented from 2007-2008 to 2011-2012.

## ***Workshops organized***

Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun organized a one-day workshop on 'Preparation of Optimum Afforestation Plan for Damodar Valley Command Area' on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2006. The workshop was sponsored by the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), Kolkata, West Bengal. Senior officers from DVC, Kolkata, MoEF, New Delhi, PCCF of Jharkand, CCF of West Bengal, officers and scientists from ICFRE/FRI, Dehradun attended the workshop under the chairmanship of the Dr. Prodipto Ghosh, Secretary, Ministry of



Workshop on Preparation of Optimum Afforestation Plan for Damodar Valley Command Area

Environment and Forests.

A workshop on 'Networking of forest plantation in a crowded world: optimizing ecosystem goods and services through improved planning and management strategies' was held at FRI, Dehradun from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2006.

A training workshop on 'methods for economic evaluation of services provided by the forest (economic, social and ecological)' was organized by FRI, Dehradun from 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2006. The workshop was sponsored by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi. About twenty IFS Officers from different states attended the workshop.



Workshop on Methods for Economic Evaluation of Services at FRI, Dehradun

Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI), Shimla organized a project launch meeting on 'Promotion of Medicinal Plant Cultivation Among Rural Communities for sustainable Income Generation' under the externally aided Project of Good Idea Fund (GIF) of Himachal Pradesh Forestry Sector Reform Project (HPFSR) on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2006 at Nahan in district Sirmour of Himachal Pradesh. Approximately 80 participants from the State Forest

Department, Non-Governmental Organizations, Progressive Farmers etc. participated in the meeting.

HFRI, Shimla organized a one day workshop on 'Statistical and Socio-economic Evaluation of the ongoing Research Projects' on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2006. Prof. Y.S. Negi, Head, Department of Social Sciences and Prof. (Retd.) S.P. Dhall, Department of Basic Sciences from Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, district Solan were invited as expert members.



Workshop on Statistical and Socio-economic Evaluation of the ongoing Research Projects at HFRI, Shimla

### ***Progeny trial of *Jatropha* at CSFER, Allahabad***

Centre for Social Forestry and Eco-Rehabilitation (CSFER), Allahabad has established a progeny trial of *Jatropha curcas* under NOVOD Project.

### ***Celebration of World Day to Combat Desertification***

Arid Forest Research Institute (AFRI), Jodhpur celebrated 'World day to Combat Desertification' on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2006. Prof. L.K. Shekhawat, Vice Chancellor of Jai Narayan Vyas University, Jodhpur was the Chief Guest of the function. The Director, Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) presided over the function. Logos, Stickers and slogans were released on this occasion. A pamphlet in Hindi was prepared and distributed. A bilingual brochure containing information on deserts, their distribution, effects, significance of the day etc. was also released on this day.

## ***Short Term Training Courses***

Forest Research Institute, Dehradun organized a training course on 'Nursery and Plantation Technology' from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2006. Sixteen participants from Uttaranchal Forest Corporation attended the course. FRI, Dehradun organized short-term training course on 'Nursery and Plantation Technology' from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2006 in which 14 participants from Uttaranchal Forest Corporation, Karnataka Forest Department and Patelwood Plywood Industry participated. Lectures were delivered on various aspects of seed, nursery, nursery disease and pest, medicinal plants, vegetative propagation, silviculture operation and choice of species for plantation.

Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore conducted five training programmes of one day each on 'Potential of raising medicinal plants in agroforestry system' for farmers in different villages of Theni district of Tamil Nadu from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2006. Also conducted two days training programme on 'Improved nursery practices and plant protection measures' for Senior Forestry Officials of Social Forestry Circle, Cuddapah, Andhra Pradesh from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2006.



Training programme on Cultivation of medicinal/aromatic plants

Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), Jorhat imparted six weeks training for three students of North-East Regional Institute of Science and Technology, Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh in the area of research in forestry from 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2006.

Institute of Forest Productivity (IFP), Ranchi conducted short term training programmes on Improved Techniques of Lac Cultivation, Composting, Vermicompost, Macro-propagation of Bamboo, Propagation of Bamboo and Kusum for SFD staff, NGOs, VSS members etc.

Centre for Forestry Research and Human Resource Development (CFRHRD), Chhindwara organized one day training programmes on 'Cultivation of medicinal/ aromatic plants' and 'Agroforestry' for farmers, NGOs and SFD officials.

## ***FRI Centenary Day Celebration***

Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun celebrated Centenary Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2006. The inaugural function was chaired by Shri N.D. Tiwari, Honorable Chief Minister of Uttaranchal, Shri Nav Prabhat, Forest Minister of Uttaranchal, His Excellency Eisa, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Sudan, His Excellency Azhari Khalafalla, Minister of Agriculture in Gerzia State, Sudan, His Excellency Abdalmahmood Abdalhaleem, Ambassador of Sudan, Shri Hans Raj Josan, Forest Minister, Punjab, Shri J.C. Kala, Director General and Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Shri G.K. Prasad, DG, ICFRE, PCCFs and senior forest officers from different states and organizations such as, Forest Survey of



First Brandis Memorial lecture delivered by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan on the occasion of Centenary Day at FRI, Dehradun

India, Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), and Wildlife Institute of India, senior officers and scientists, representatives from the industries and NGO's were present on this historic occasion. A film on research activities of FRI was shown to the delegates. The officials who have been serving in the institute for the last 40 years were honoured. A souvenir and USDA Pine project document were also released on this occasion. This was followed by first Brandis Memorial lecture delivered by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan on 'Forests Custodians of India's Ecological, Hydrological and Food Security Systems' on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2006.

## ***National Technology Day at FRI, Dehradun***

Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun celebrated the National Technology Day on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2006. During the day long celebration the technology developed by the FRI was displayed and explained to the general public and school children.

## ***World Environment Day celebrated***

Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore celebrated the World Environment Day and invited interested farmers, to attend one day training on 'Nursery and



Dignitary on dias during the celebration of Centenary Day at FRI, Dehradun

Plantation Techniques for Forestry Trees.' Thirty five farmers from Coimbatore district attended the training and celebration.

Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST), Bangalore celebrated World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2006 and a talk was delivered on Poverty, Environment and Desertification.

Arid Forest Research Institute (AFRI), Jodhpur celebrated World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2006. Ceremonial Planting was done in the AFRI campus. A pamphlet emphasizing "What to do", "Not to do" and slogans, was published in Hindi and distributed to the public for creating awareness on environment and related issues. Organized Quiz and Painting competition in which 75 students from 10 schools participated.

### ***HFRI, Shimla won prize in Kisan mela***

Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI), Shimla participated in Kisan Mela under the banner 'Khushhali Ke Liye Alu' organized by Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI), Shimla on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2006 at Kufri. The institute won Second Prize for participation in the mela where activities of the institute were displayed for the benefit of people in general and for the farmers in particular.

### ***Awards***

1. Dr. K.S. Shashidhar, IFS, Director, IWST, Bangalore was conferred the 'The Great Son of Karnataka' award on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2006. The award was given by All India Conference of Intellectuals during their Silver Jubilee Celebration. The award was presented by His Excellency R.L. Bhatia, Governor of Kerala.
2. During the Forest Research Institute centenary celebrations Dr. Sandeep Sharma, P.S. Negi, K.S. Thakur and Surinder Kumar from Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI), Shimla were awarded the prestigious

"Brandis Prize - 2004" for their research paper titled 'Studies on Vegetative Propagation of *Colutea nepallensis*, Sims through Shoot cuttings - A Potential species for Cold Desert Afforestation' which was published in *Indian Forester* 2004, Vol.130 No.12. p 1422-1431. Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Forests, Sudan conferred the Trophy and Certificates to all the authors on this occasion.

### ***Consultancies***

Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), Jorhat has successfully completed the consultancy on 'Evaluation of Afforestation and Tree Planting Activities in Dibrugarh District of Assam' sponsored by National Afforestation and Eco-development Board (NAEB), Ministry of Environment and Forests Govt. of India under Integrated Afforestation and Eco-development Projects (IAEP) during April, 2006.

Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), Jorhat has successfully completed the consultancy on 'Monitoring and evaluation of the promotional projects' assisted by National Medicinal Plant Board, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of AYUSH, Government of India in the States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Maghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland.

### ***Visit of dignitaries***

1. Shri V.L. Chopra, Member Planning Commission, New Delhi visited FRI, Dehradun on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2006.
2. Ms. Hannah Rooley, Programme Manager and Mrs. Steve from Earthwatch Institute, Boston, MA, USA visited IFP, Ranchi from 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2006 for discussion on the research project titled 'Investigation on Impact of Climate Change on individual Threatened and endangered orchids in Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal, India'.



## Staff News

### Promotions:

Smt. Kamlesh Kakkar, UDC, FRI <b>IWST, Bangalore</b>	04.05.2006
Shri P. Narayanappa, Scientist-E, (under FCS) Gol optee	16.05.2006
Dr. Syam Viswanath, Scientist-E	01.01.2006
Shri Ajay G. Karmarkar, Scientist-E	01.01.2006
Dr. (Mrs.) Geeta Pandey, Scientist-D	01.01.2006
Shri Raja Muthukrishnan, Scientist-C	01.01.2006

### RFRI, Jorhat

Shri B. K. Sonwal, Steno Grade-II	26.04.2006
Shri D. Saikia, Steno Grade-II	26.04.2006
Smt. Manju Phukan Gogoi, UDC	26.04.2006
Shri Manoj Borah, Forester	26.04.2006
Shri Alok Baruah, Forester	27.04.2006
Shri P.C. Baishya, Deputy Ranger	26.04.2006

### HFRI, Shimla

Shri Dharam Singh Rana, Head Clerk	12.04.2006]
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### Transfers to:

Shri J.M.S. Chauhan, R.O. FRI, Dehradun	10.05.2006
Shri S.S. Jain, Scientist-C, ICFRE, Dehradun	11.05.2006
Shri S.P. T ripathi, CF, Head, CFRHRD, Chhindwara	06.06.2006

### Repatriation

Shri M.K. Singh, IFS (MP:84)	30.04.2006
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### Joining

Shri A.K. Wahal, IFS (AGMUT : 78) DDG (Education), ICFRE, Dehradun	03.04.2006
Shri A.K. Pandey, IFS (JKD : 86) CF, CSFER, Allahabad	09.05.2006
Shri K. Ravichandran, IFS (AGMUT : 96) DCF, IFGTB, Coimbatore	29.05.2006
Shri Amit Asthana, IFS (TN : 85) ADG (PF), ICFRE, Dehradun	05.06.2006

### Retirements:

Shri B.B. Thapa, E. & A.O., ICFRE	31.01.2006
Shri Mahender Singh, LDC, ICFRE	30.04.2006
Shri M.R. Sehgal, RAI (Elect.), FRI	30.04.2006
Shri D.N. Pandey, TA-I (Gen.), FRI	30.04.2006
Shri A.K. Shah, Scientist-C, TFRI, Jabalpur	30.04.2006
Shri Bhim Singh Adhikari, Khalasi, FRI	31.05.2006
Shri Arjun Lal, Khalasi, FRI	31.05.2006
Smt. Surender Kaur, Head Clerk, FRI	30.06.2006
Shri R.K. Gupta, Head Clerk, FRI	30.06.2006
Smt. Kamlesh Sharma, UDC, FRI	30.06.2006
Smt. Manjeet Kaur, Peon, ICFRE	30.06.2006
Shri J.S. Brahmania, Store Keeper, FRI	30.06.2006
Shri Om Bahadur, R.A. I, FRI	30.06.2006
Shri Gayadin, Khalasi, FRI	30.06.2006
Shri P.V. Krishna Rao, Scientist-B IFGTB, Coimbatore	30.06.2006

## OBITUARY

ICFRE family deeply condoles the sudden and sad demise of Shri Sunil Kumar, Mazdoor, FRI, Dehradun on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 and pray for the departed soul to rest in peace.

## Book Post

To,

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