

Extension Division
ICFRE- Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

Division Level Monthly Seminar on
“Strategies for Forestry Extension”

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The Extension Division, ICFRE- Forest Research Institute, Dehradun conducted a Divisional level online seminar on “Strategies for Forestry Extension”. At the outset, Dr. Charan Singh, Scientist-F, Extension Division introduced the organizing team and invited Ms. Richa Misra, IFS, Head Extension Division for opening remarks and welcome address. Ms. Richa Misra welcomed Director and all participants. In her welcome address, she highlighted importance and necessity of the seminar and told that the seminar is a common platform to share the views and create new ideas for effective and efficient forestry extension and helpful in planning a proper and effective extension strategy in people participatory mode. Director Dr. Renu Singh, IFS inaugurated the seminar and addressed above 80 participants of the seminar. In her inaugural address, she told about the importance of Extension Forestry for welfare of rural and urban community. She told that extension of forestry in non forest areas can also be helpful in mitigation of climate change with livelihood generation. She mentioned that there are many opportunities for extension of forestry. However, there are some challenges but by facing these challenges and hurdles, we have to proceed in this direction for ecological and social benefits. She told that the institute is doing a commendable work for dissemination of its technologies through different extension media such as Van Vigyan Kendra in jurisdiction of the institute such as Haryana, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Union Territories of Delhi and Chandigarh. Besides, the institute is also carrying out extension activities under the networking

of Van Vigyan Kendra and Krishi Vigyan Kendra. The institute is also active on social media for dissemination of scientific knowledge generated by it in the field of forestry.

During technical session, Dr. Bankey Bihari, Pr. Scientist from ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Dehradun made a presentation on “Strategies for Forestry Extension”. In his presentation, he told about the prospects of forestry extension and possible areas for its extension beyond forests. He also highlighted the work of ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation done in the field of Forestry extension with special reference of farm and community land. He suggested that the extension work should be done in People participation to make the extension of forestry in an effective and efficient way. He mentioned that there is an urgent need to make a concrete plan to establish the forestry in rural and urban habitats with site specific and compatible forestry species. She told that Rapid Rural Appraisal and Participatory Rural Appraisal required for making a comprehensive strategy for forestry extension in Public Participatory mode.

During discussion, participants raised queries and questions on the subject and subject expert answered all queries and questions raised. Above 80 participants including, Scientists, officers and staff of ICFRE, FRI and its sister organizations, students, representatives of Non Government Organizations, Self Help Groups and others joined the seminar.

The seminar concluded with vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Charan Singh, Scientist-F of Extension Division. All team members of the division, including Scientists of the Division, Mr. Rambir Singh and Mr. Lokinder Sharma with supporting technical staff Mr. Naveen Chauhan, Mr. Pawan Devshali, Mr. Amit Kumar Negi and Mr. Pushkar Singh did a commendable work to make the seminar successful.

Glimpses of the event

