

One Week Refresher Course for IFS officers
On
Forest Research Methodology

The Division of Forestry Statistics, ICFRE conducted a one-week refresher course on **Forest Research Methodology** for IFS officers from 2nd to 6th September 2013. Shri Raman Nautiyal, Head, Division of Forestry Statistics was the Course Director. The course was attended by 25 IFS officers from across the country. Dr. G.S. Goraya, Deputy Director General (Research), ICFRE, delivered the keynote address. The main objective of the course was to orient the participants in latest techniques and research being carried out in the various disciplines of the forestry sector and also to expose them to the statistical methodologies being followed. A wide spectrum of topics was covered under the programme from basic research in Silviculture, designs for nursery and fields, solutions to insect pest problems, evaluation of eco-system goods and services to applications of nano-technology, Geographical Information System, Remote Sensing, etc. The statistical tools and techniques like sampling, estimation, regression analysis, designing nursery experiments, constructing and testing hypotheses were also elaborated during the course. A panel discussion on *Improvement in the working of Forest Departments – need for career development through training and improvement of skills* was also conducted.