

ICFRE, Dehradun signs MoU with NTPC for monitoring of green conditions of its plantations

The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun has signed MoU with National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC) on 14.12.2016 at ICFRE, Dehradun for monitoring of green conditions of plantations raised through assistance from the NTPC. The MoU has jointly been signed by Sh. Sudhir Kumar, ADG (EM) on behalf of ICFRE and Sh. R. K. Bagchi, GM (EMG) on behalf of NTPC in presence of Sh. Vipin Chaudhary, Deputy Director General (Extension), ICFRE, Dehradun and Dr. Alind Rastogi, CFO & ED (EM&AM), NTPC. The MoU and scope of works has been prepared under the guidance of Dr. Shashi Kumar, Director General, ICFRE, Dehradun.

The NTPC has announced for undertaking mitigation measures pertaining to its project activities in relation to the climate change. Accordingly, it has planned for Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC-2030) for creating an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO₂ equivalent through increase in forest and tree cover by 2030 and plans further to create additional sink by planting 10 million trees across the country in the next ten years i.e. by 2026.

As per the MoU, the NTPC has awarded the work of monitoring of green condition of its plantations to the ICFRE in seven states of the country i.e. Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Assam, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Bihar, where altogether plantation of native tree species have been carried out in more than 5000 hectares. The ICFRE will be physically monitoring these plantations for plant growth and its survival for coming five years. Remedial measures for midterm course correction will also be suggested, if required.

This is to reiterate that the ICFRE is an autonomous body under Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India, as an apex body in the national forestry research system, which has been undertaking the holistic development of forestry research through need based planning, promoting, conducting and coordinating research, education and extension covering all aspects of forestry. The NTPC, a Maharatna "Government Company" incorporated under Companies Act 1956, as a Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, engaged in the business of generation and sale of electricity to state-owned power distribution companies and State Electricity Boards in India and allied activities.



