

Organization of 26th RAG Meeting at TFRI

The 26th Research Advisory Group (RAG) of Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur (M.P.) was held on 3rd and 4th October, 2017. Senior Forest Officials from Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh, Scientists from different research institutes, University, NGO's and other stake holders participated in the proceedings.



The Inaugural session was chaired by Dr. P.K. Shukla, Retd. PCCF, Madhya Pradesh and Former Director, TFRI. Dr. N. Roychoudhury, Director TFRI welcomed the participants and invited their valuable suggestions for the improvement of new research proposals as well as ongoing projects. He briefed the RAG members about the activities of the institute in field of research, education and extension through a presentation.

Dr. P.K. Shukla, Retd. PCCF, Madhya Pradesh expressed his interest in the research activities of the Institute. He recalled his long association with Tropical Forest Research Institute and briefed about the growth of the Institute through time. He expressed his concern about lack of regeneration in natural forest and opined that the problem should be taken up on priority. He highlighted the problem of low productivity of forests. He emphasized upon integrated research for improvement of density of forest stock in context of climate and other environmental changes. Dr. Avinash Jain presented formal vote of thanks to the Members of RAG on behalf of TFRI.



The technical session I started with the presentation of new project proposal. Dr. Fatima Shirin explained about the two kinds of scoring sheets and the method of giving scores for the projects.

The new project proposals were scrutinized by the external evaluators and the revised proposals were made available to the Members of the RAG. 15 research proposals were presented by respective Principal Investigators.



Director, TFRI observed that he agrees with the sentiments of the house on project formulation and the need for constant consultations. He preferred that research works should have continuity so that fruitful results can be obtained. He pointed out that the observations of the members of RAG are highly relevant. He further informed the house that information of the completed project is

available online, and the relevant research findings are communicated to the respective forest department in the form of advisory. He informed the RAG members about the various extension activities of the institutes. On behalf of scientist of TFRI he invited collaborations with different research Institute. He informed the house that the Institute has worked on Forest Invasive Species. He agreed upon the concerns of the RAG Members, and ensured more research projects on Climate change and its impact on forests and Ecosystem services, Agroforestry and livelihood improvement.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. P.B. Meshram, Head, Forest Entomology Division, TFRI, Jabalpur.

Glimpses of Meeting









