

# Webinar at TFRI in August 2020

At TFRI, two following webinars were organised in the month of August, 2020:

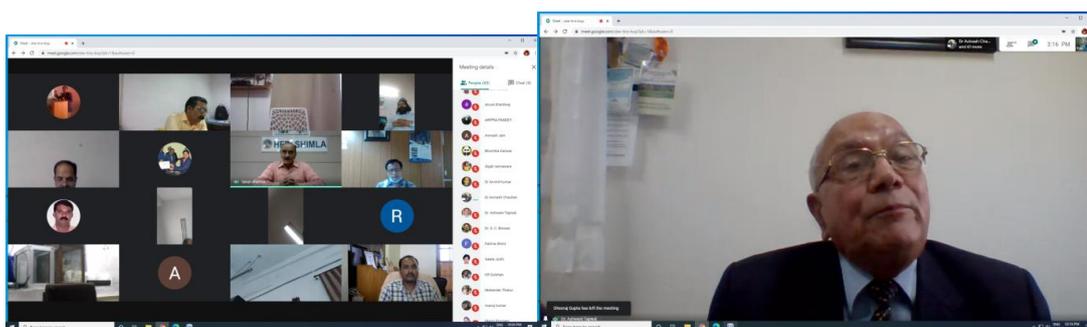
1. **One day webinar on “Role of insects and fungi in forest ecosystem: Challenges & future perspective” organized by Forest Protection Division, TFRI (ICFRE) Jabalpur (M.P.) on 26 August 2020**

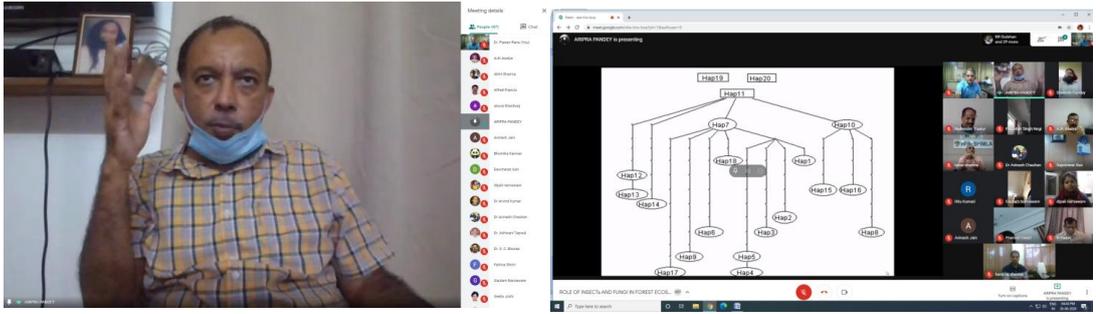
The webinar was attended by 67 participants from Scientists, Academicians and researchers and Forest field officials of ICFRE, ICAR, Universities and State forest Departments and other institutions from across the country.

Dr.Pawan Kumar scientist-E & Head Forest Protection Division, TFRI (ICFRE) Jabalpur welcomed the participants. Dr. G. Rajehwar Rao ARS, Director TFRI (ICFRE) Jabalpur delivered the inaugural address and stressed on conducting such events during the pandemic like crisis by utilizing the technology to bring eminent experts on a same platform to share their research experiences. He further emphasized that due to recent uncertain insect pests and disease outbreaks, the research should be prioritized to develop safer ecofriendly biocontrol practices to minimize the dependence on harmful chemical insecticides.

Three leads talks were delivered by the invited speakers during the technical session which started with the lead talk of Prof. T.N. Lakhanpal, Prof. Emeritus & former Dean, Life Sciences HPU, Shimla on ‘*Role of mycorrhizae in forest tree disease*’. Another lead talk was delivered by Prof. S.P. Bhardwaj former Joint Director (Ext.)YSPUHF, Nauni, Solan (HP) on ‘*Insects: connotation, threats and prospectives in Forest ecology*’. Dr. Amit Pandey Scientist-G & Head, Forest Protection Division, FRI (ICFRE), Dehradun U.K.delivered his lead talk on ‘*Global issues and challenges in forest pathology*’.

During the event Dr. Arvind Kumar Scientist FRI Dehradun (U.K.) and Dr.Avinash Chauhan, Central Agricultural University, Nagaland also expressed their views on need to develop ecofriendly biocontrol practices to manage the insect pests and diseases in forest ecosystems. The webinar concluded with Vote of thanks by Sh. AJK Asaiya, Scientist, TFRI Jabalpur (M.P.).





2. Institute level monthly webinar was organized at TFRI on 31/08/2020 on topic – “Regulatory framework for testing and releasing of trees varieties/clones – An analysis”. Dr. Naseer, Scientist – D, GTI Division, TFRI., gave the presentation. The webinar was attended by more than 50 participants from TFRI and FRC-SD, Chhindwara, Dr. Arun Kumar, IWST, Dr. Salil Tiwari, Professor and Head Genetics Department and Ph.D Scholars from G.B. Pant, Agricultural University.

