

## ICFRE starts ambitious national co-ordinated project

The project will study changing climatic conditions at different locations across the country for finological assessment of vegetation, informed **ICFRE DIRECTOR GENERAL ARUN SINGH RAWAT**, while talking to 'The Hitavada'.

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INITIATING a giant leap in the history of forestry research, the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE)

started an All India Co-ordinated Project for study of Changing Climatic Conditions'. The project has been started at different locations across the country for finological assessment of the vegetations.

ICFRE, Director General, Arun Singh Rawat, while talk-

ing to 'The Hitavada', informed that they have started All India Co-ordinated Project at 12 different sites in the country and one of the sites is located near Jabalpur at Kanha National Park. The project has been started to study changing climatic conditions and its impact on vegetations. As the major project started some years back, it will take a long time to study the climatic conditions and its outcome, he added.

DGAS Rawat informed that along with the rigorous study on climatic conditions, compliance with the announcement made by the Prime Minister in year 2019, a centre of excellence has been established to deal with issues

related to degradation of forest land and proceedings of the project are underway.

TFRI Jabalpur, Scientist-F, Head, Forest Ecology and Climate Change Division and Project in-charge of Kanha National Park, Dr. Avinash Jain informed that under the All India Co-ordinated Project, they have managed to obtain 10 hectare forest land at the national park and total 128 trees have been marked to study its vegetation according to changing weather situations.

Automated weather station has been established to obtain online real time data of weather condition while team of scientists visit the site in every

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15 days to collect micro-metrological data of vegetations. Collection of micro-biological data from all the project sites will be contin-

ued in a long run for detailed study of changing climatic conditions and its impact on vegetation for a long run in future.