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## 'Old research concept replaced by top-down for fruitful results'

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"RESEARCH projects will no longer be limited to papers but it will be practically viable to benefit the society. Old patterned bottom-up research concept has been replaced with top-down research to get fruitful results and contribute to the nation's development," informed Director General of Indian Council for Forest Research and Education (ICFRE) Dr S C Gairola. Dr Gairola added that since last one year several amendments have been made to make research project useful for ultimate users and Forest Department. He found that several ongoing researches are not on best priority in national scenario as scientists proposed research projects on their own area of interest.

Now, the Government of India



ICFRE Director General Dr S C Gairola talking to The Hitavada. (Pic by Anil Tiwari)

and the State forest departments have been coordinated to identify their requirements and expectations from research projects. ICFRE institutes formed All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRP) to work together in identified areas on council level.

Rigorous process of projects

formulation and assessment is carried by two expert committees to examine the concept note and final stage of proposed research project to give suggestions for avoiding repetition of research works and its requirement in the country.

Research policy committee has recently approved a total number of 22 All India Coordinated Research Projects of different institutes, while some other projects are in the pipeline and are expected to be approved in coming months.

The Central Government is providing funds to State governments under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) but 10 per cent of entire fund is being reserved for funding research projects. Tropical Forest Research Institute (TFRI),

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## ICFRE DG Dr Gairola plants 9 saplings in TFRI premises

■ Staff Reporter

DIRECTOR General of Indian Council for Forest Research and Education (ICFRE) Dr S C Gairola visited Tropical Forest Research Institute (TFRI), Jabalpur, on Thursday. He reviewed research, extension and other important activities being carried out in TFRI Institute. At the outset, the Director General planted nine saplings of Navgraha-Vatika in TFRI premises in presence of all scientists, officers and staff.

Soon after plantation programme, Dr Gairola moved to Betel-Gmelina Agroforestry plantation site where Dr Nanita Berry, Head of Agroforestry Division, explained him about Gmelina based model for cultivation of betel leaves to enhance livelihood opportunities of farmers and stakeholders.

Dr Gairola was welcomed by



ICFRE DG Dr S C Gairola, accompanied by TFRI Director Dr Rajeshwar Rao, releasing technical bulletins. (Pic by Anil Tiwari)

Dr G Rajeshwar Rao, Director of TFRI, in conference Hall of Genetics and Plant Propagation

Division. Dr Rao presented before the Director General research, extension and other important

activities being carried out in various divisions of the Institute. He also presented six AICRP proj-

ects so that to incorporate valuable suggestions of the DG.

The Director General appreciated efforts of the Director TFRI Dr Rao for his active involvement in shaping the institute towards excellence in a short span of his joining, merely two months back.

Dr Gairola critically examined AICRP projects and extended suggestions which will definitely be incorporated, assured Director TFRI Dr Rao.

In his address to scientific community, the Director General directed scientists to work on need based projects which must address the specific problem. Projects as much as possible must be of short duration with clear cut deliverables, he added.

Addressing the officers, Director General Dr S C Gairola informed that ICFRE is going to start Employee Welfare Awards at ICFRE level for all the employees

working under its umbrella. Best performers selected from each Institute will be awarded at ICFRE level.

He urged people to work hard for welfare of ICFRE and their personal growth as well.

DG Dr Gairola released four technical bulletins named 'Status of Dalbergia Latifolia-an important vulnerable tree in Central India', Clonal propagation of Bambusa vulgaris var. green through mini cuttings', Model guidelines for management of white grubs in forest nurseries' and Maida Chhal (Litsea glutinosa) - status and conservation'. A pictorial catalogue named 'Birds of TFRI campus' having collection of approximately 170 residents and migratory birds were also released by the DG, ICFRE. IFS Chaturbhuj Behera and Head of Office proposed a vote of thanks.