

Exposure visit of IFFDC Group of Madhya Pradesh (27th - 28th September, 2021)

at

Tropical Forest Research Institute Jabalpur (MP)

A Two days exposure tour of Secretaries of Indian Farm Forestry Development Cooperative of Bundelkhand region (Sagar, Tikamgarh and Chhattarpur districts) of Madhya Pradesh was conducted at TFRI, Jabalpur from 27th & 28th September, 2021. Dr. G. Rajeshwar Rao, ARS Director, TFRI interacted and praised their work in the field of forestry. He further assured of working together on developed technologies by TFRI with Self help Groups for livelihood improvement and income generation. Mrs. Sanju Tripathi, Programme Co-ordinator briefed about IFFDC's work and added that they have successfully established 6000 ha (approx) of forests involving 30 native and indigenous species viz Neem, Jamun, Sitaphal, Shisham, Teak, Khamer, Babul, Palas, Chironji and Khair since 1998. They also procured *Melia dubia* variety from FRI during 2019 and established successful plantation in the region. Mrs. Tripathi further shown keen interest in collaborate work with TFRI. Dr. Nanita Berry, Programme co-ordinator briefed about the visit. She also delivered lecture on '**Agroforestry System for income generation**' and demonstrated systems established at TFRI. The group later visited the museum and interpretation centre and praised various technologies and Bamboo based products. The group visited Bambusetum established with 40 species of various bamboos. They also saw the NTFP garden, Vermi compost unit and Botanical Garden of TFRI. The programme finally ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. Nanita Berry, Scientist 'E'. The programme was successfully organized with the coordination of All Heads of divisions and Shri Ajin Shekhar, Scientist 'B', Ms. Deepika Jangam, Scientist 'B', Shri Nahar Singh, ACTO, Shri ITK Dilraj, STO Shri Rajesh Mishra, ACTO, Ms. Nidhi Mehta, ACTO, Shri RK Malviya, STO, Shri Alfred Francis, TO, Mrs. Shashi Kiran, TO, Shri JJ Satpati, TO, Ms Ekta Barkade, JPF, Mr. Irshad Ali Saudagar, PA, Ms. Samvedna Gariya, FA, Mr. Pankaj Maurya, JPF.



Dr. G. Rajeshwar Rao, ARS, Director, TFRI addressing to the Group



Dr. Nanita Berry, Programme co-ordinator briefed about the Institute



Dr. Nanita Berry, delivered lecture on 'Agroforestry System for income generation'



A visit of Field demonstration



Group at Gmelina based agroforestry field at TFRI



Visit to Museum cum interpretation centre of TFRI





Members shown interest in buying Bamboo Chair



A visit to Bambusetum established at TFRI



Visit to Non Wood Forest Product Garden



Group visited Botanical Garden



Demonstration of Vermi compost unit

