

Hon'ble Dr. Mangala Rai
Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, New Delhi VISITS NRCAF

Hon'ble Dr. Mangala Rai, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, New Delhi visited NRCAF on 1st August, 2009. During his brief visit, Dr. Rai took keen interest in on going research activities during the visits of experimental farm of the Centre. He appreciated the research work being done by the Centre, particularly in the field of biofuels. He appreciated tree improvement work on *Jatropha* particularly hybrids development. He emphasized that much variability is present in the nature in case of *Jatropha* and other TBOs and encouraged the scientists to harness it through breeding and biotechnology. He also planted a sapling and visited the office premises. Later, he discussed about various contemporary issues in the field of agriculture in general and agroforestry in particular with the scientists of the Centre and emphasized the relevance of agroforestry in the light of future opportunities and challenges. He also discussed the current distress in Bundelkhand region due to monsoon failure and solutions thereof. He emphasized the importance and need of water resource development, conservation and efficient utilization of natural resource to tackle the problems of the region.

He was shown a short film on the Garhkundar-dabar Watershed being developed by the Centre and greatly impressed with it and called for replication of this model for whole of the drought prone Bundelkhand region.

Forthcoming Events

1. Training for NGO partners of Indo- German Watershed Development Programme, Udaipur
2. IMC Meeting
3. Institute Joint Staff Council meeting
4. Women Cell's meeting

Later on, in the afternoon, he inaugurated the new auditorium building at the IGRI, campus and addressed a joint meeting of the NRCAF and IGRI Staff.

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Issue Highlights

- Visit of Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, New Delhi
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- Annual Workshop of AICRPAF
- Training Programme under NAIP

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ANNUAL WORKSHOP OF ALL INDIA COORDINATED RESEARCH PROJECT ON AGROFORESTRY

Annual Workshop of All India Coordinated Research Project on Agroforestry (AICRPAF) was held during 4th to 6th July, 2009 at PDKV, COA, Nagpur. Dr. S.K. Dhyani, Director & Coordinator of the project organized this group meeting. Dr. A. K. Gogoi, ADG (Agron./AF), KAB-II, ICAR, New Delhi, was the Chief Guest and Dr. V.M. Mayande, Vice Chancellor of PDKV, Akola presided during inaugural function. Dr. Bangali Baboo, Director, IINRG, Ranchi; Dr. A. K. Mandal, Director, TFRI, Jabalpur; Dr. V. P. Singh, Regional Representative South Asia Centre of ICRAF and Dr. K. R. Solanki and Dr. P. S. Pathak, Ex. ADGs (AF), ICAR, New Delhi were the special invitees. Scientists from 25 SAUs and two ICAR institute participated in the workshop. Besides inaugural and plenary session seven technical sessions were held.

TRAINING PROGRAMME UNDER NAIP FOR NEH REGION

Centre organized a Training Programme on "Recent Advances in Agroforestry Interventions for Optimum Rehabilitation of Wastelands" under NAIP for the scientist from NEH region from 14th to 20th July, 2009. In this training 15 Scientists, Officers, Research Associates from ICAR, NGOs and state departments from NEH region participated.

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VISIT ABROAD

Dr. A K. Handa, Sr. Scientist participated in the “2nd World Agroforestry Congress” and presented a paper entitled “*Pongamia pinnata* propagation through vegetative means” from 23rd to 28th August, 2009 held at Nairobi, Kenya.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Pr. Scientists; Dr. S P Ahlawat, Sr. Scientist; Dr. R P Dwivedi, Sr. Scientist; Dr. A K Handa, Sr. Scientist; Dr. R V Kumar, Sr. Scientist; Dr. A Venketesh, Sr. Scientist Dr. P. Ratha Krishnan, Scientist participated in the Annual Workshop of AICRPAF from 4th to 6th July, 2009 held at College of Agriculture, Nagpur (Maharashtra).
- Dr. Sunil Kumar, Pr. Scientist participated in a five days training on “Trainer Development Programme on RTI” from 6th to 10th July, 2009 organized by ISTM, New Delhi.
- Dr. (Er.)Ramesh Singh, Sr. Scientist and Dr. R. H. Rizvi, Scientist (Sr. Scale) attended Short Course on "GIS for Landscape Analysis" jointly organized by the University of Florida, USA and the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, Hyderabad during 27th to 31st July, 2009 held at ICRISAT, Hyderabad (A.P.).
- Dr. R. S. Yadav, Sr. Scientist participated in the Capacity Building Training Programme on “Common Guidelines 2008 for Watershed Development Project” from 4th to 10th August, 2009 held at CRIDA, Hyderabad (A.P.).
- Dr. R.P. Dwivedi, Sr. Scientist participated in Workshop on “Project Prioritization, Monitoring and Evaluation (PME)” from 31st August to 5th September, 2009 held at NAARM, Hyderabad (A.P.).
- Dr. P. Ratha Krishnan, Scientist (Forestry) participated in the National Seminar on “ICT for Agriculture & Rural Development” from 9th to 11th September, 2009 held at College of Horticulture & Forestry, Central Agricultural University, Pasighat (Arunachal Pradesh).
- Dr. R. K. Tewari, Pr. Scientist; Dr. A K. Handa, Dr. R.S. Yadav, Sr. Scientists and Dr. P. Ratha Krishnan, Scientist participated in the National Conference on “Food and Environmental Security through Resource Conservation in Central India: Challenges and Opportunities” from 16th to 18th September, 2009 held at Regional Research Centre of CSWCR&TI, Agra (U.P.).

INSTITUTE JOINT STAFF COUNCIL

The Director has constituted new Institute Joint Staff Council (IJSC) for the period 2009-12 at the Centre.

President : Dr. S. K. Dhyani (Director)		
Vice President : Shri Munna Ram, Principal Scientist		
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	Shri K. P. Sharma, Assistant -Member CJSC	Sh. S.B. Sharma, AF&AO- Member IJSC
Technical	Sh. Ram Bahadur, T-4 Sr. Technical Assistant - Member IJSC	Dr. R.K. Tewari, Principal Scientist- Member IJSC
	Sh. Kashi Ram, T-2, Member IJSC (Driver)	Sh. B. Singh, Head of Office-Member IJSC
Supporting	Sh. Attar Singh, S.S. Gr. IV- Member IJSC	Smt. Uma, T-6 (Tech. Officer) - Member IJSC
	Sh. Ram Singh, S.S. Gr. I - Member IJSC	Shri R.K. Singh, T-5 (Tech. Officer) - Member IJSC

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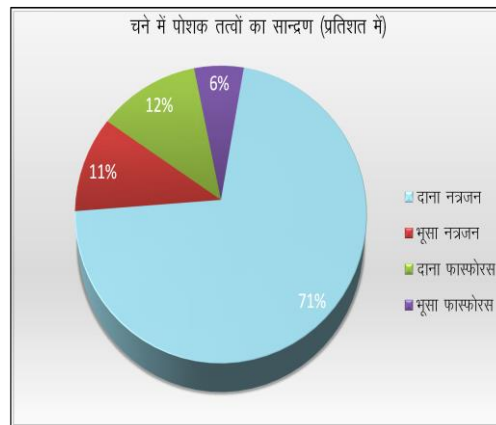
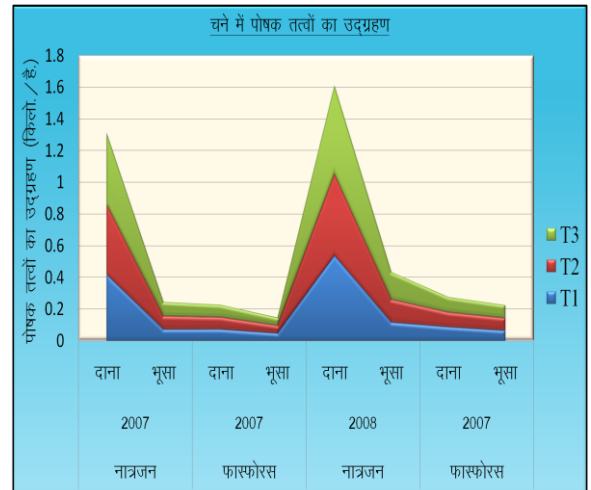
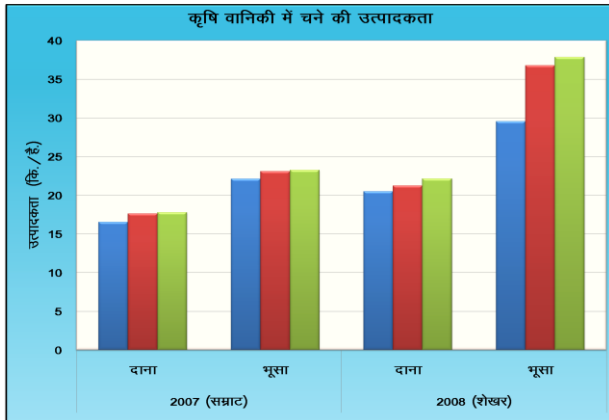
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INFRASTRUCTURE

Tractor Mounted Tropicutor

Tractor Mounted Tropicutor was successfully demonstrated on 26th August, 2009 at the Centre. It is a multipurpose tool carrier used with various implements attachments for all agricultural operations as mentioned below:

- Primary and off-season tillage
- Cultivator operation
- Blade harrowing
- Making Ridge & Furrow (RF) Broad bed and Furrow(BBF)
- Sowing, Fertilizer and seed covering operation
- Inter-row cultivation
- Harvesting operations
- Cart for transportation

BER BUDDING TRAINING PROGRAMME

Ber Budding programme was organized at village Shivrampur, Block Newari of Distt. Tikamgarh (M.P.) on 17th August, 2009 and 27 farmers participated in the training.

PME MEETING

PME meeting was held on 15th September, 2009. All the Scientists participated in the meeting.

ENGINEER DAY OBSERVED

Centre observed Engineer's Day (Shri Vishkarma Jayanti) on 17th September, 2009 at the Farm Workshop.

WOMEN CELL

Women Cell meetings was held on 23rd September, 2009 at NRCAF Jhansi.

SEMINARS DELIVERED

S. No.	Seminar Topics	Name of the Speaker	Date
1	Awareness Lecture on RTI	Dr. Sunil Kumar, Pr. Scientist	29.08.2009

2	Presentation on the participation in the 2 nd World Agroforestry Congress” held at Nairobi, Kenya from 23 rd to 28 th August, 2009	Dr. A K. Handa, Sr. Scientist	15.09.2009
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DIRECTOR’S VISITS AS PROJECT COORDINATOR, AICRPAF

- AICRPAF Centre at PDKV, COA, Nagpur from 4th to 6th July, 2009.

VISITORS

- Hon’ble Dr. Mangala Rai, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, New Delhi
- Dr. Nagendra Sharma, Ex. Vice Chancellor, SKUAST, Jammu (J&K)
- Prof. P. Attri, Vice Chancellor, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi.