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# Role of ICFRE in Indian Forestry

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## ABSTRACT

ICFRE with its nine regional research institutes and five research centres in different bio-geographical regions of the country has been endeavouring to achieve long-term ecological stability, sustainable development and economic security through conservation and scientific management of forest ecosystems. The consistent efforts of the Council for conservation of the forest genetic resources and increasing the productivity have produced clones of Dalbergia, Melia, Casuarina, Eucalyptus and Poplar with high genetic gain. The wider acceptability of new clones and technologies by the communities and industries has provided impetus to afforestation drive. The supplementation of conventional tree improvement methods with modern biotechnological applications have led to delineation of genetically diverse populations/genotypes and strategies their conservation and use in future afforestation programme.

The education and outreach activities of ICFRE has been instrumental in inculcating awareness and disseminating the research findings and technologies to different stakeholders. ICFRE is executing thirty-one All India Coordinated Research Projects on different aspects of forestry involving universities and other research organisations. ICFRE has also been involved in providing consultancy services on environment impact assessment of various hydrological projects and mined out areas and preparation of DPR for rejuvenation of Indian river basins through forestry interventions.

### KEYWORDS

- Tree Improvement
- Genetic Resources
- Plantation Forestry
- Tree Breeding

### SPEAKERS

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