WORKSHOP ON
CHALLENGES IN FORESTRY RESEARCH EXTENSION

FROM 18-19 OCTOBER, 2005 AT AFRI, JODHPUR

A BRIEF WRITE-UP

The Arid forest Research Institute, Jodhpur organized a regional workshop on Challenges in Forestry Research Extension" from 18-19 October, 2005. There were in all five themes under which papers were presented by various subject experts from India. The issues deliberated in the technical sessions of this workshop were:

- Strategies for applicability of available technology packages.
- Criteria, Indicators and of performance benchmarks.
- Best practice and guidelines.
- Potentials, expectations and constraints.
- Future strategies and methodologies.

The main objectives of the Workshop were:

1. To review the present state of affairs regarding strategy of extension by AFRI, Jodhpur.
2. To provide a platform for the presentation of extension strategies by different organizations in the forestry sector.
3. To device benchmark and indicators of performance in the field of forestry extension.
4. To compile and issue in the form of guidelines a document based on best practices of extension followed in various parts of the country.
5. To formulate framework for the future development of extension activities in the forestry sector.

The papers presented in the workshop are published in the form of book entitled "Forestry Research Extension Challenges & Strategies edited by C.S. Dange and Seema Kumar in 2009 by Scientific Publishers (India), Jodhpur.


Recommendations (English) and शिकाराज (Hindi) of the said workshop are as follows:

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A minimum of 5-10% of the total budget of research should be set apart for Forestry Extension.
- Forestry Research Extension infrastructure development at district level.
- Linkages with KVK / Offices physically located within the KVK. Forestry research extension experts should be placed in KVK to reduce the expenditure.
- MOU between ICFRE and ICAR for extension interface.
- Forest research extension should lead to assured market for stake holders with appropriate mechanism.
- Strengthening of extension wings of ICFRE institutions with placement of a sociologist and an economist.
- Budgetary provision for forestry research extension under R&D projects.
- Collaboration between stakeholders and scientists/ NGOs for identifying diagnosis, economics and designing of forestry research extension requirements of user groups with bottom-up approach.
- Strengthening of capacity building and eco-sensitization of institutions.
- Some regulations for using treated wood of lesser known secondary plantation species.
- CPRs including Orans and Gauchars to be rehabilitated / strengthened / regenerated along with all the village institutions with dedication and proper technical inputs.
- Mine-over-burdens to be treated / re-vegetated / rehabilitated in a planned manner by appropriate agency in a scientific manner.
- Creation of research-cum-extension units at regional levels in the SFDs of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Dadar & Nagar Haveli with appropriate machinery.
- Strengthening of extension units with adequate man, material and machinery.
- Proper networking and sharing of knowledge.
- Proper monitoring and evaluation mechanism to be put in place.
- Proper protection and maintenance of research-cum-demonstration plots.
Thus the workshop on Challenges in Forestry Research Extension" held at Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur has embarked on wide range of topics related to forestry research and extension presented by various subject specialists published in the book "Forestry Research Extension Challenges & Strategies" in 2009 by Scientific Publishers (India), Jodhpur. This book shall be a gateway to forestry research and extension in developing effective forestry research technology dissemination strategies for linking people with forestry research development in one way or the other and to apply institutional integrated approach in a co-ordinated manner through effective nodal extension wing experienced technical personnel so as to derive maximum benefits for improving productivity of land and enhancing livelihood.