

33rd Foundation Day of ICAR-CAFRI, Jhansi

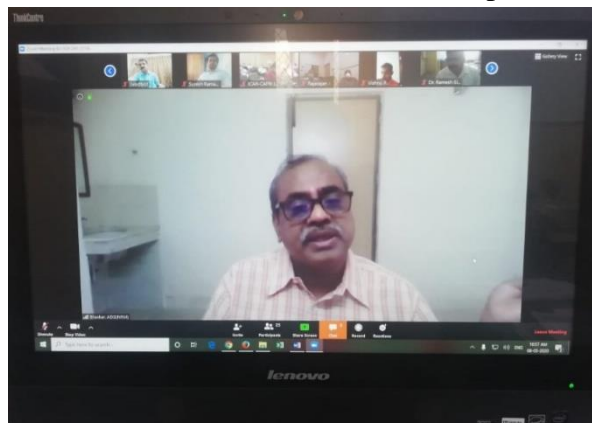
ICAR-CAFRI celebrated its 33rd Foundation Day on 8th May, 2020. Due to COVID 19 Pandemic, the Foundation Day was celebrated through video conferencing using zoom app. The platform was provided by ICAR HQ. On this occasion Dr. S. K. Chaudhari, DDG, NRM was the Chief Guest, Dr. S. Bhakar, ADG (Agronomy, Agroforestry and Climate Change) presided over the function and Dr. Javed Rizvi, Regional Director, South Asia Programme, ICRAF, New Delhi was the Special Guest of Honour. Dr. S. K. Dhyani, Senior Agroforestry Specialist and Former Director, ICAR-CAFRI was also present on the occasion. The programme started at 10.30 am.

At the outset Dr. R .K. Tewari, Director, ICAR-CAFRI welcomed the dignitaries and briefed about the achievements of the Institute during the preceding year especially the work on agroforestry based watershed development, mapping of agroforestry area and C sequestration potential at all India level. He also briefed about the international training conducted by ICAR-CAFRI in collaboration with ICRAF.

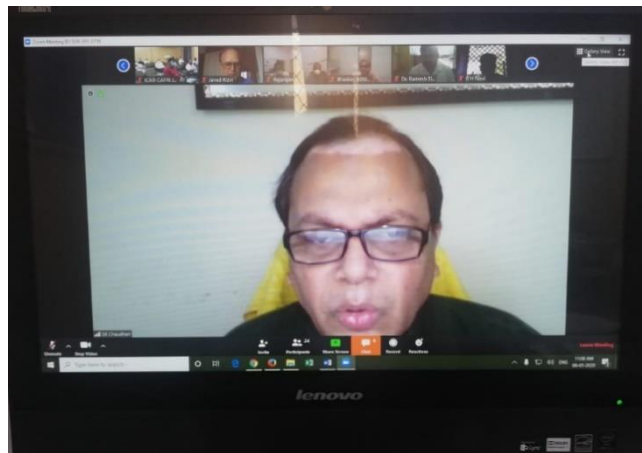
Dr. Javed Rizvi, the special Guest of Honour briefed that ICAR-CAFRI is one of the closest partner of ICRAF. He appreciated the linkage with ICAR and ICAR-CAFRI. Dr. Rizvi told that during last year ICRAF has offered 31 life membership of Indian Society of Agroforestry for subscription of Indian Journal of Agroforestry. Dr. Rizvi offered the three months training at ICRAF to one of the three new incumbents at ICAR-CAFRI, Jhansi.



Dr. S. Bhaskar appreciated the work done and achievements of ICAR-CAFRI. He stressed that the way ICAR-CAFRI has contributed through doubling farmers' income (DFI) project being implemented in the Bundelkhand U.P efforts should be made for the development of Bundelkhand region of M.P as well. He prompted the efforts of the Institute in upscaling the agroforestry technologies. He also emphasized that ICAR-CAFRI should work on Ecosystem services of AF systems and should monetize those also.



Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, DDG (NRM) and Chief Guest of the 33rd Foundation Day of ICAR-CAFRI in his opening remarks appreciated the efforts of Dr. S.K. Dhyani as former Director, ICAR-CAFRI for bringing the ICAR-CAFRI into national limelight. He also appreciated the offer of Dr. Javed Rizvi to offer three months training at ICRAF for the new incumbent. In this regard he also said that ICAR will support the capacity building of other scientists as well. He also briefed that how agroforestry has its significance in today's context. He also said that how agroforestry is helpful in reclaiming the degraded wastelands and also gave some examples of it. He appreciated the work being done by ICAR-CAFRI. He also appreciated the efforts of ICAR-CAFRI on production of quality planting material as well as various agroforestry models developed by the Institute. He emphasized ICAR-CAFRI should develop close linkage with agroforestry mission and bamboo mission. He also emphasized that we should develop the digital library of various agroforestry tree species. In his general remarks he said that all are equal in any of the Institutions and value of the organisation is more than the value of the individual at any point of time and we all should work in a team spirit irrespective of the position in the Institute and work for the bringing up the Institute and scaling up its achievements.



In the end Dr. A.K. Handa thanked all the dignitaries of the 33rd Foundation Day of ICAR-CAFRI. The programme was organized on zoom platform provided by DDG (NRM). Social distancing was duly observed during the programme.

