

22nd RAC Meeting of RAC, ICAR-CAFRI, Jhansi

The 22nd Research Advisory Council (RAC) meeting of ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi was conducted online through Microsoft Teams platform on 15th June 2020 between 10:30-13:30 hrs. Due to COVID 19 pandemic virtual meeting of the RAC was conducted. The meeting was chaired by Dr. K. Gurumurthi, (Ex. Director, IFGTB, Coimbatore) and attended by Dr. S.K. Dhyani (Ex. Director, ICAR-CAFRI & Senior Agroforestry Expert, World Agroforestry (ICRAF), New Delhi); Dr. R. K. Patnaik (Ex. Dean, CoF, OUAT, Bhubaneswar); Dr. S.D. Bhardwaj (Ex Dean, Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan), Dr. A. K. Mandal (Ex. Director, TFRI, Jabalpur); Dr. R. C. Dhiman (Ex General Manager, WIMCO Seedling Limited, R&D Centre, Rudrapura), Dr. S. Bhaskar, ADG (AAF & CC), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. R.K. Tewari, Director, ICAR-CAFRI, Jhansi. The programme started with the welcome of RAC chairman and members by Dr. Inder Dev, Member Secretary RAC, followed by brief introduction by Chairman, RAC and members, RAC and Research program wise scientific staff of ICAR CAFRI, Jhansi. The ATR of previous RAC was presented by Dr. Inder Dev. Dr. RK Tewari (Director, ICAR- CAFRI, Jhansi) presented the achievements of ICAR CAFRI, Jhansi followed by presentation on Agroforestry Research Frontiers by Dr. A K Handa (Programme Leader). Dr. Inder Dev (Principal Scientist, Agronomy) presented the progress of the project ‘ Transforming rural livelihood through agroforestry based natural resource management in drought prone Bundelkhand region, UP (Sub Project of KISAN MITrA project for Doubling Farmers’ Income in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh) followed by another project entitled ‘Collection, evaluation and hybridization of *Moringa* germplasms’ by Hirdayesh Anuragi (Scientist, Genetics and Plant Breeding) and ‘Biomass modelling and area estimation in *Tectona grandis* based agroforestry systems in Central India’ by Dr. SB Chavan (Scientist, Agroforestry).

The RAC chairman and members appreciated the research and development work being conducted by ICAR-CAFRI. The presentations were also appreciated by the Committee members. The RAC committee members gave highly relevant and valuable suggestions for improvement of the various research programmes of the Institute. The Institute expressed its commitment to abide by the suggestions of RAC. The concluding remarks were given by the Chairman/ Members of RAC. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Inder Dev, Member Secretary RAC.

Dr. Inder Dev,
Member Secretary, RAC



Various participants of RAC meeting of ICAR CAFRI, Jhansi held online on 15th June 2020