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TRAINING–CUM AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND ITS PROTECTION

Centre organized training cum awareness programme on “*Intellectual Property Rights and Its Protection*” in association with Council of Science & Technology, U.P. on 2nd September 2008. The inaugural session was chaired by Dr. S.K. Dhyani, Director, NRCAF, Jhansi. Dr. S.P. Ahlawat, Sr. Scientist and Nodal Officer, IPR Training Programme highlighted the importance of IPR in context of WTO. Dr. Rajeev Pandey, Scientist, IPR Unit, CST U.P. briefed the activities of the Council of Science and Technology and the facilities being provided by its departments including IPR unit. Dr. S.K. Dhyani, Director, NRCAF, emphasized the need of the knowledge of the IPR and focusing research on public and private partnerships. He told that there is need of more and meaningful collaboration between the research and development organizations in the country and abroad rather than working in isolation.

The programme was attended by 76 participants from 7 institutions of the government and selected progressive farmers of the district including 37 scientists, 13 technical officers, Officers in Charge of 3 centres (KVK, Jhansi, Lalitpur and Regional Centre, Datia), 13 Ph.D. scholars, students and engineers. Officers in Charge of the Aakashwani Kendra, Programme coordinators, technicians and engineers of Aakashwani Kendra, Jhansi (All India Radio) also attended the programme and broadcasted on the same day at 7.00 P.M on All India Radio, Jhansi. In this programme, the resource person provided basic knowledge regarding IPR including patents, GI and designs and presented the review of patent system in India. Farmers were asked to remain vigilant about their Intellectual property rights particularly ITR. The

deliberations were appreciated by the participants.

KRISHAK SAMMAN SAMAROH:

All India Radio, Jhansi with the cooperation of NRCAF, Jhansi organized Krishak Samman Samoroh of progressive farmers on 2nd September 2008. On this occasion, Krishak Samman Patra was given to the progressive farmers. Adoption of the agroforestry technologies by the farmers for sustainable production, risk coverage and mitigating weather vagaries was duly emphasized. The selected farmers have adopted agroforestry landuse and diversified agriculture so as to reap benefit from farming through reduction in the cost of cultivation, checking pollution and adoption of cutting edge technology in tandem with market demand. The ten selected farmers, Sh Anand Shrotiya, Sh. Prabhudayal, Sh. Narayan Das Sharma, Sh. Chandan Singh Raput, Sh. Rajendra Khare, Sh. Ram Charan, Singh Kushvaha, Sh. Veer Singh Rajput, Sh. Pradeep Kumar Patel and Sh. Atma Ram, were selected through a survey of Kisan Shorta Evam Anusandhan Unit, Directorate of All India Radio, New Delhi.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Sh. S. B. Sharma, AF&AO attended Course on “Improving Administrative Efficiency and Financial Management” during 16th to 23rd July, 2008 held at NAARM, Hyderabad (A. P.).

Dr. P. Ratha Krishnan, Scientist (Forestry) attended the training course on ‘ Recombinant DNA Technique’ from 16th August to 05th September, 2008 at IARI, New Delhi organized by the ICAR at Centre of Advanced Studies in Biochemistry, Division of Biochemistry, IARI New Delhi.

VANMAHOTSAV AND BER BUDDING PROGRAMMES

On the eve of ICAR Foundation Day on 16th July,2008 Centre organized Vanmahotsav at the Centre on 16th July, 2008. Centre also organized Vanmahotsav and Ber Budding programmes jointly with Development Alternatives (Taragram) at Village Hastinapur District Jhansi on 17th July, 2008. The event got wide coverage in press media.

INSTITUTE JOINT STAFF COUNCIL

Institute Joint Staff Council (IJSC) meeting was held on 27th August, 2008 under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. K. Dhyani, Director of the Centre.

RETIREMENT

Sh. D.K. Awasthi, AAO of the Centre retired on 31st August, 2008. The staff members bid a grand farewell to the officer.

ENGINEER DAY OBSERVED

Centre observed Engineer’s Day (Shi Vishkarma Jayanti) on 17th September, 2008.

VISIT ABROAD

Dr. O P Chaturvedi, Pr. Scientist of the Centre nominated under the Work Plan for 2007-08 between ICAR & ARC Egypt to Agricultural Research Centre, Egypt from 16th to 29th August, 2008. The main purpose of this visit was to suggest Work Plan on possible collaborations in the field of “Greening Deserts” through forestry and agroforestry research between India and Egypt.

PARTHENIUM AWARENESS DAY OBSERVED

Centre observed Parthenium Awareness Day on 10th September, 2008. On this occasion lectures on demerits of Parthenium were delivered by the Chairman Dr. S. K. Dhyani, Director of the Centre and scientists.

DIRECTOR’S VISITS AS PROJECT COORDINATOR, AICRPAF

- AICRPAF Centre at CSK Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (HPKV), Palampur from 28th to 30th September, 2008.

NEW AAO

Sh. S. P. S. Negi, AAO joined the Centre from NEH, Meghalaya.

PRIME MINISTER RELIEF FUND

The Staff of the Centre generously donated their one day salary in the Prime Minister Relief Fund for victim of flood in Bihar. A sum of Rs. 42,000/- was collected and sent to the P M office.

NEW EXECUTIVE OF THE INDIAN SOCIETY OF AGROFORESTRY, JHANSI

The following office bearers are declared elected for 2008-10 terms.

President	:	Dr. S.K. Dhyani	- Director, NRCAF, Jhansi
Vice President	:	1. Dr V.K. Gupta 2. Dr. M.S. Hooda 3. Dr. L.N. Harsh	
Secretary	:	Dr. A.K. Handa	
Joint Secretary	:	1. Dr. P. Rathakrishnan 2. Dr. Ramesh Singh	
Treasure	:	Dr. Ajit	
Business Manager	:	Dr. A Venkatesh	
Members	:	1. Dr. C.K. Bajpai 2. Dr. M.N. Naugraiya 3. Dr. Rajesh Uppal 4. Dr. R.K. Jha 5. Dr. D.R. Palsania	

VISITOR

- Sh. Manoj Kumar Singh, Commissioner Rural Development, Jhansi.

- Sh. Dev Raj, District Magistrate, Lalitpur.
- Sh. Jitendra Singh, CDO, Lalitpur.
- Sh. S. K. Sharma, Chief Conservator of Forest, Jhansi.
- Sh. Mahendra Singh, Conservator of Forest, Jhansi.
- Dr. S. S. Singh, Prof (Plant Breeding), IARI, New Delhi.
- Dr. A. R. Sharma, Pr. Scientist (Agronomy), IARI, New Delhi.
- Dr. P. S. Pathak, Ex. ADG (Agroforestry), ICAR, New Delhi.
- Dr. S. P. Tewari, OIC, Regional Research Station, CSWCR&TI, Datia (M.P.).
- Dr. K.S. Dadhwal, Head (Soil Science), CSWCR&TI, Dehradun (Uttarakhand).

Online Bibliographic Database On *Euphorbia* Spp. In Indian Perspective: An Analytical Study

Euphorbia is one of the largest flowering plant genera, with 2,420 species, many of which are important to mankind as ornamentals, sources of drugs or as weeds. The genus takes its common name from a group of annual herbs used as purgatives, or spurges, mainly the one metre (three feet) tall European *E. lathyris*, seeds of which were once used for their laxative effect. The diverse, worldwide genus includes many species in arid parts of India that resemble cactus plants. Unlike cacti, euphorbias have a milky sap. Euphorbia plants vary from flat, creeping herbs such as the weedy North American prostrate spurge (*E. supine*), which grows out of sidewalk cracks to shrubs and trees. A large shrub, *Euphorbia tirucalli*, is used as a hedge in Brazil. The ability of these plants to grow well in dry regions and on land that are not suitable for growing food, and the fact that the oil yield from an acre could be comparable to or better than many other biodiesel candidate species (an estimate of oil yield for milk bush/pencil bush is between 10 and 50 barrels of oil per acre, i.e. between 25 and 125 barrels per hectare). Euphorbia spp. are also used for polishes, candles, lubricants and paper waterproofing.

Substantial amount of research has been carried out in India from early 70's on *Euphorbia* spp. However, this research work is scattered and available in the form of reports, bulletins, newsletter, articles etc. An attempt has been made at NRCAF, Jhansi in this direction to compile all the published research information on Euphorbia spp. at one platform in the form of a database, so that it is easily accessible to researchers, planners, policy makers etc. This bibliographic research database has been hosted at the server of Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI), New Delhi and these dynamic web pages are fully functional and one can visit at URL <http://mirror.inaris.gen.in/net>. to view, browse and download information on the subject.

Synthesis of published information on Euphorbia in India (1975-2007):

- **Year wise:** The database covers 149 Indian Euphorbia research records in all from 1975 to 2007, with maximum records published in 2005(18) followed by 1992 and 2004(11) records.
- **Species wise:** During the reported period i.e. 1975-2007, research records could be traced on 32 species of Euphorbia.
- **Journal wise:** The database includes 95 Journals. Maximum papers have been published in Indian Forester (7) followed by Indian Journal of Forestry (5) and Indian Phytopathology (5).
- **Author wise:** The database conceals 327 Indian authors who have researched on Euphorbia.
- **Institute wise:** The database consists of 105 Indian Institutes/ Universities/

Organizations researching on Euphorbia with maximum records from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore (8), followed by National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow (5).

- **Subject category wise:** One of the important finding of the work is that maximum research has been reported on medicinal value consisting of 22 records followed by pesticidal properties consisting of 19 records and ecological studies (18).
- **State wise:** Maximum research has been reported from the state of Uttar Pradesh (20), followed by Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan (19 each) and Karnataka (18).

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INSTITUTE RESEARCH COUNCIL

Institute Research Council (IRC) meeting was held on 3rd to 5th July, 2008. All the Scientists of the Centre participated in the meeting and presented the progress and significant findings of their projects. New projects were approved by the IRC. Following projects were approved in principle by the house after thorough discussions:

AF 01.24: Studies on Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi of Important MPT's

Project Leader: Dr. Anil Kumar; Associates: Dr. R. Prasad and Dr. P. Ratha Krishnan

AF 01.25: Development of Soil Quality Index for Assessing Soil Health of Different Agroforestry Systems

Project Leader: Dr. R. Prasad; Associates: Dr. Ram Newaj, Dr. R. S. Yadav, Dr. Ramesh Singh, Sh. Munna Ram

AF 05.9: Evaluation of Ber Budding Programme in Bundelkhand Region of Central India.

Project Leader: Dr. R. P. Dwivedi; Associates: Dr. R.K. Tewari

Collaborative Projects:

- **Lac Based Agroforestry in Bundelkhand Region: Introduction and Evaluation.**
Project Leader: Dr. A. Venkatesh; Associates: Dr. O.P. Chaturvedi, Mr. Rajendra Singh, Mr. Ghosal, Md. Monobrullah, Mr. N.R. Singh
- **Studies on Mitigation Potential of Different Agroforestry Systems on Climate Change**
Project Leader: Dr. Ram Newaj; Associates: Dr. Badre Alam , Dr. A.K. Handa, Dr. Ajit, Dr. R. Prasad, Dr. Ramesh
- **Demonstration of Agroforestry Technologies for Enhancing the Livelihood Opportunities in Different Agro-climatic Zones of Tamil Nadu'**
Project Leader: Dr. O.P. Chaturvedi; Associates: Dr. A. K. Handa, Dr. A. Venkatesh

SEMINARS DELIVERED

S. No.	Seminar Topics	Name of the Speaker	Date
1	Visit and Experiences of Agriculture Researches at Egypt.	Dr. O P Chaturvedi, Pr. Scientist	11.09.2008

Dr. N. K. Tyagi, Hon'ble Member, ASRB, New Delhi

Hon'ble Member, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board, New Delhi from 12th to 14th September, 2008 visited NRCAF to get up to date with the research work being conducted by the Centre. Dr. Tyagi visited the research farm on 13th September and watershed management programme at Garh Kunder-Dawar, Distt. Tikamgarh (M.P.) on 14th September. He showed keen interest in the low cost water harvesting structures like gabian structure, check dam etc. He congratulated Dr. S.K. Dhyani, Director of the Centre for bringing overall development of the most disadvantaged area of Bundelkhand through this programme and capacity building through SHGs.