



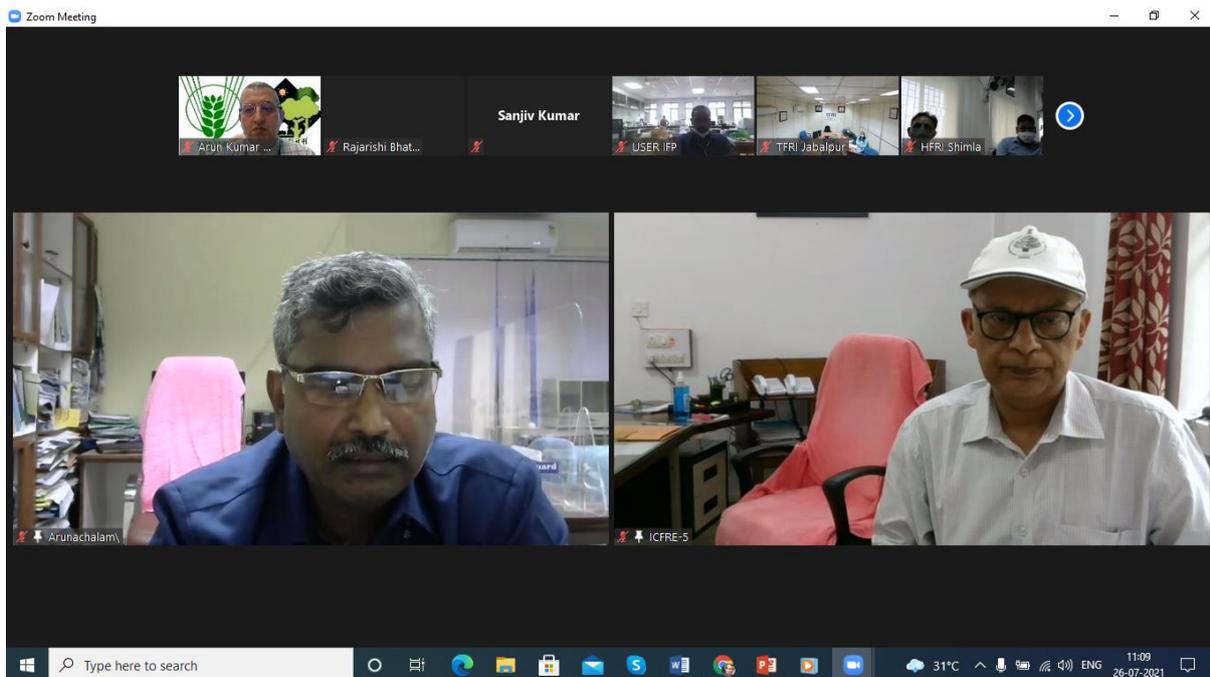
## ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute Jhansi :: Uttar Pradesh

### A report on the three-day online training programme on agroforestry technologies for the Technical Staff of ICFRE Institutes

A three-day online training programme began on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 as organized virtually by ICAR-CAFRI Jhansi for the Technical staff of the Institutes of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun under the Joint Biennial Work Plan emanating from the MoU between ICAR-ICFRE. There were 20 trainees from 9 ICFRE Institutes from across the country participated in the program.

Dr A. Arunachalam, Director, CAFRI Jhansi, in his opening remarks called upon the participants to interact with the resource person and utilize the opportunity to sharpen their skills in the subject with latest updates being provided by the resource persons. He emphasized that today agroforestry is one of the most viable option to enhance tree cover in the country and to ensure livelihood to small and marginal farmers.

Sh. Deepak Mishra, IFS, ADG (Education) ICFRE in his remarks called upon for more such collaborative interactions between two councils for better resource and knowledge sharing. Dr Inder Dev from CAFRI proposed vote of thanks. About twenty participants from nine ICFRE Institutes are participating in the programme. Dr A. K Handa and Mr Suresh Ramanan of CAFRI were the local coordinators for the training programme.



On the first day, the topics covered were Overview of Agroforestry Research and Development in India and National Agroforestry Policy; Innovations in agroforestry and their Impact; value chains and promotion through consortium model and Agroforestry experiments and field management. On the 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, the discussions were on the topics related to Digital applications in Agroforestry; Extension Tools in Agroforestry; Agroforestry for rehabilitation of degraded lands in India and D & D Innovations in agroforestry systems. On the last day i.e. 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, topics such as Technology for Agroforestry systems in saline soils; Socio-economic benefits of agroforestry practices; Agroforestry for soil health and nutrients build-up and Nursery techniques, Management, certification and IPM were covered.

This was followed by feedback and valedictory. With limitations forced by COVID pandemic, field level training could not be possible. However, theoretical, and demonstrative aspects were covered through the online mode. The participants did rate the training programme to be satisfactory. The closing ceremony was also witnessed by ADG (Education), ICFRE and Director, CAFRI. E-certificates were issued to all the participants.

