

# Indian Forest Congress

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## Organized by:

Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education

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## Background

Consequent to the UN General Assembly's adoption of the 'Millennium Development Goals', the global community has come together in a collective search for sustainable solutions to address the world's development challenges. **The UN General Assembly has proclaimed the year 2011 as the International Year of Forests.** The multiple roles of the forest sector present unique opportunities and challenges. The foresters, no longer confined within forests, have to march out to meet the international commitments as well as to negotiate the democratic aspirations of all the stakeholders of forests. In order to have the synergetic effect of all the efforts presently undertaken by different stakeholders in our country, the Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi, has decided to organize the First Indian Forest Congress, 2011 and Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) has been entrusted with this task.

The Congress will be organized at the **NASC complex, DPS Marg, Pusa, New Delhi** from **22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011.**

## Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education

Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) was constituted by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, in December 1986 to formulate, organize, direct and manage forestry research; transfer developed technologies to States and other agencies; and impart forestry education. With a mission to generate, preserve, disseminate and advance knowledge, technologies and solutions for addressing issues related to forests and promote linkages arising out of interactions between people, forests and environment on a sustained basis through research, education and extension.

The Objectives of the Council are

- To undertake, aid, promote and coordinate forestry education, research and applications thereof
- To develop and maintain a National Library and Information Centre for forestry and allied sciences
- To act as a clearing-house for research and general information related to forests and wildlife
- To develop forestry extension programmes and propagate the same through mass media, audiovisual aids and extension machinery
- To provide consultancy services in the field of forestry research, education and allied sciences
- To undertake other jobs considered necessary to attain these objectives

ICFRE has a network of Institutes and Centers which are mandated to work in various thematic areas and their designated regions to achieve the council's mission. Forest Research Institute, the forerunner of ICFRE, has its roots in the erstwhile Imperial Forest Research Institute established in 1906 to organize and lead forestry research activities in the country. Its history is synonymous with the evolution and development of scientific forestry not only in India but in the South East Asia.

## Congress Objectives

The Congress is being organized with the following aims:

- (i) To bring together various stakeholders of forestry including the researchers, planners, implementers and beneficiaries to exchange experiences and knowledge
- (ii) To express and exchange views which may help research organizations to identify future areas of study and the central and state organizations and civil societies to plan future work
- (iii) Networking of various forestry organizations

## Central Theme

The central theme of the Congress is '**Forests in a changing world**'. This Congress presents an excellent opportunity for the forest community and stakeholders to discuss advances on various aspects impacting upon the forest sector.

The major themes and sub-theme under which papers are being invited for oral and poster presentations are:

### Theme 1: Forests in Society

- a. Forests and land use policy
- b. Forests in urban landscape
- c. Forest governance and institutional reforms
- d. Forests and community: forging partnerships
- e. Forests and traditional knowledge

### Theme 2: Forestry in an Expanding Economy

- a. Managing the forests: old and new paradigms
- b. Reconciling growth with conservation towards sustainable development
- c. Agroforestry: production, opportunities and institutional framework
- d. Forest products: management for livelihood
- e. Forest products in industry
- F. Forest certification: opportunities and challenges

### Theme 3: Expanding Frontiers of Forestry Sciences

- a. Geomatics: applications and opportunities
- b. Managing forest resources: scientific base
- c. Forest genetics and biotechnology
- d. Forest survey and inventory
- e. Information technology as a tool in forestry management

## Theme 4: Forest Biodiversity and Landscapes

- a. Forests ecosystem and biodiversity management
- b. Protected areas management: new paradigms
- c. Man - animal interface
- d. Ecosystem goods and services and forest resource accounting
- e. Eco - tourism
- f. Wildlife crime control and enforcement of CITES

## Theme 5: Forests and Climate Change

- a. Green India Mission: opportunities and challenges
- b. Mitigation/adaptation and challenges
- c. Ecosystem resilience and forest biodiversity
- d. Climate change models/forests and Carbon fluxes
- e. Carbon balances: policy instruments
- f. India and REDD\*

The following Pre Congress Workshops on the above five major themes will be organized as a run up to the Congress.

Workshop theme	Organization	Duration	Time Allocation
<b>Forests in Society</b>	TFRI, Jabalpur	2 to 2.5 days	1 <sup>st</sup> week of July, 2011
<b>Forests in an Expanding Economy</b>	AFRI, Jodhpur	2 to 2.5 days	3 <sup>rd</sup> week of July, 2011
<b>Expanding Frontiers of Forestry Science</b>	IWST, Bangalore	2 to 2.5 days	3 <sup>rd</sup> week of May, 2011
<b>Forest Biodiversity and Landscape</b>	RFRI Johrat	2 to 2.5 days	4 <sup>th</sup> week of September, 2011
<b>Forests and Climate Change</b>	HFRI Shimla	2 to 2.5 days	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of August, 2011

During the Congress, each theme will be introduced by two eminent speakers covering the National Perspective highlighting different aspects of the theme. For each of these themes, speakers would be identified through Pre - Congress Workshops. Also, for each sub theme, one or two lead speakers will be identified and these lead speakers will be asked to draw up review papers

## Registration

Participants may register online or by getting in touch with the organizers. Nominal registration fees will be charged from the delegates.

Payment can be made through a demand draft/Banker's Cheque for the amount in favour of the Accounts officer, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, payable at Dehradun. Provision for online payment is also being made. Cash will be accepted for on-the-spot registration. Limited Registration Grant Assistance may be made available to Deserving students/farmers/ Representatives of civil society .delegates

## **Exhibition and Side Events**

Stalls on payment basis will be made available for exhibitions and side events to the organizations, publishers, civil societies and industries. Several fora are also proposed with stakeholders on topics like reinventing forest service, strengthening Science in field forestry and awareness generation and dissemination of forestry. All details are available on the website.

The proposed side events are

1. Discussion Forum for Community organization
2. Discussion Forum for forest services
3. Discussion Forum for Forest Science/Scientists
4. An event for School Children
5. Craft Bazar/Stall organization

## **Conference venue**

The Conference will be held at the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences NASC Complex, DPS Marg, Pusa New Delhi, INDIA. The weather in November will be slightly chilly and light warm clothing is advisable. .

## **Boarding & lodging**

Delegates will have to arrange for their own accommodation. Hotel accommodations are available in Delhi at prescribed tariffs; details will be furnished on the Congress Website. Twin-sharing accommodation on first come first serve basis can be given to students/farmers/civil societies subject to availability.

## **Conference Website**

[Http://ifc2011.icfre.gov.in](http://ifc2011.icfre.gov.in)

## **Submission of abstracts & papers**

Abstracts of not more than 300 words, excluding the title, name of author(s), affiliation and key words, formatted in MS Word should be submitted online by 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Communication regarding acceptance will be made by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011. Full papers will have to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The technical committee will scrutinize papers for oral or poster presentations, whose decisions will be final.

## **Important dates**

Submission of abstract: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Early Registration: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011

Communication regarding Acceptance: 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011

Submission of full papers: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011

## Registration Fees

	Fees Before 31 <sup>st</sup> August, 2011	Fees between 1 <sup>st</sup> September, 2011 and 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2011	On-the spot fees
Regular Delegate Rate	Rs. 1200.00 (150 \$)*	Rs. 1500.00 (200 \$)*	Rs. 1600.00 (250 \$)*
Student Delegate Rate Rs.	250.00 (25 \$)*	Rs. 300.00 (50 \$)*	Rs. 350.00 (75 \$)*
Accompanying Person Rate	Rs. 500.00 (75 \$)*	Rs. 750.00 (100 \$)*	Rs. 800.00 (125 \$)*
Regular Day Delegate Rate	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 750.00	Rs. 800.00
Student Day Delegate Rate	Rs. 150.00	Rs. 200.00	Rs. 250.00

\* Fee for foreign delegates

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