

**XXV RESEARCH ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD  
AT ICFRE-RAIN FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE,  
JORHAT (ASSAM)**

The XXV Research Advisory Group (RAG) meeting of ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat was held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 through Hybrid Mode. The meeting was chaired by Dr Nitin Kulkarni, Director ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat and attended by ADG (RP) ICFRE, Dehradun, various subject experts, senior forest officers, industries representative and scientists virtually and contributed in the meeting.

At the outset, Dr Rajib Kumar Borah, Group Coordinator Research, ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat welcomed all the participants and briefed about the importance of RAG. Delivering the welcome address Dr. Nitin Kulkarni extended hearty welcome to ADG ICFRE, all the distinguished RAG members and representatives of forest departments of all North-Eastern States, scientists from different research institutes. Dr P. S. Rawat, Assistant Director General (Research & Planning), ICFRE, Dehradun who joined virtually from Dehradun, emphasized that new emerging research area should be explored and formulate projects accordingly.

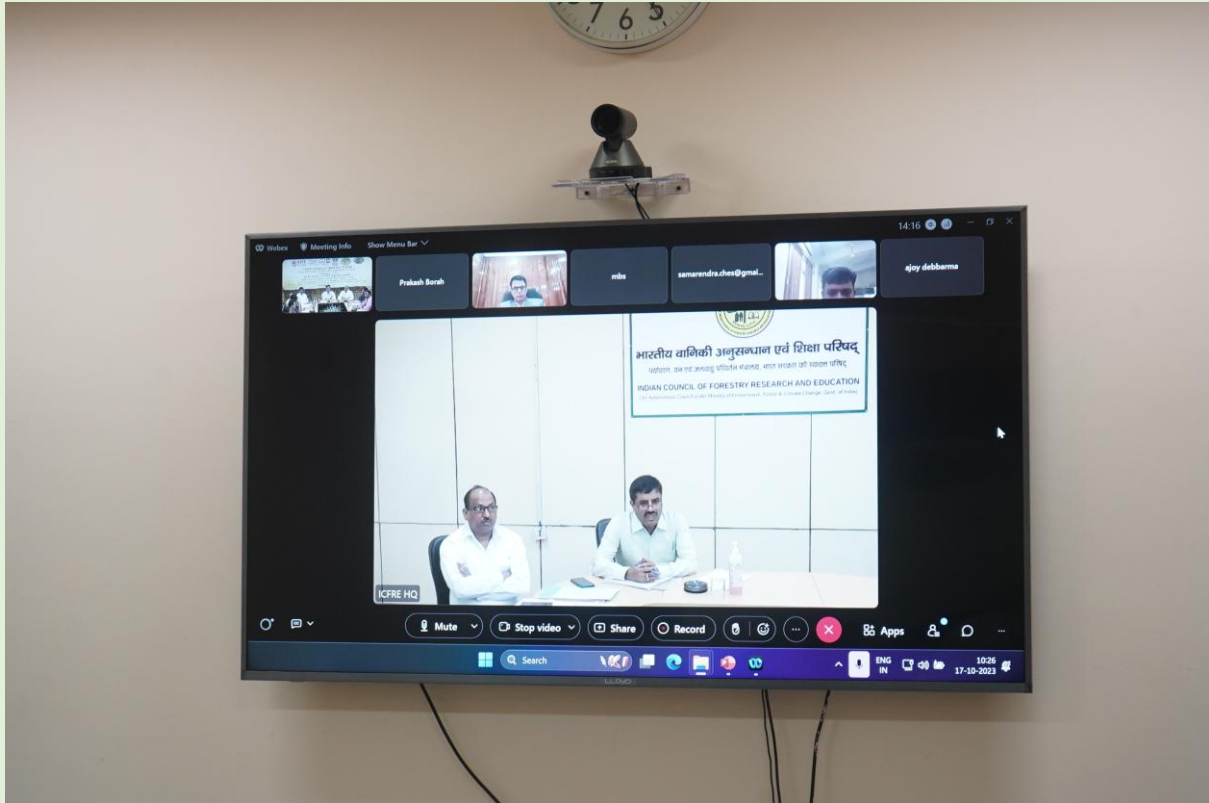
Shri Harish Chandra Chaudhary, PCCF, Meghalaya suggested that forest department should be involved in project formulations. There were three new research projects related to North eastern region presented by three scientists and examined critically by RAG members. The Advisory Group evaluated the proposals as per the guidelines and scored on the prescribed technical parameters alongwith suggestions for improvement of the projects. Dr R. K. Borah, GCR, ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat presented progress of 10 ongoing research projects of the institutes in the meeting and same were evaluated by the RAG members.

Meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr D. J. Das, Head, Forest Ecology and Climate Change, Division, ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat.

## GLIMPSES OF THE MEETING



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