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TRAININGS, WORKSHOP, AND EVENTS

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IRRIGATED PLANTATION

RANGE MANAGEMENT

LINEAR PLANTATION

SOCIAL FORESTRY

EVENTS



Maj. (Retd.) Shahnawaz Badar Secretary FWF&T Deptt. issuing instructions to Mr. Faisal Qureshi DFO and Ch. Iqbal SDO, Chechawatni

Maj. (Retd.) Shahnawaz Badar, Secretary, Forestry, Wildlife, Fisheries & Tourism Deptt. Government of the Punjab inspected the Chechawatni Plantation, DFO Chechawatni and briefed the Forest Secretary regarding various activities being carried out in context with the plantations. A detailed inspection was conducted during which Chaudhry Muhammad Iqbal, SDO Chechawatni informed the Secretary about his achievements, raising of bed nurseries, afforestation, regenerations and other important activities like irrigation and protection in his Sub-Division. The Secretary showed deep interests and appreciated the efforts of the staff of Chechawatni plantation. He issued various instructions during inspection, especially on protection of Forests, proper irrigation and its record maintenance.

SECRETARY VISITS PFRI



Opening ceremony of Lecture Room by Maj. (Retd.) Shahnawaz Badar Secretary FWF&T Department



Maj. (Retd.) Shahnawaz Badar Secretary FWF&T Deptt. offering prayer after planting a sapling

The Secretary Forestry, Wildlife, Fisheries and Tourism Department visited Punjab Forestry Research Institute (PFRI), Faisalabad on 24-09-11 and was welcomed by M. Mahboob-ur-Rahman, CCF CZ, Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Director PFRI, and other senior officers of PFRI, Faisalabad. Muhammad Mehbub ur-Rehman briefed the Secretary Forests about facilities available for research and training activities at PFRI, Faisalabad. Secretary Forests visited different laboratories and offices and showed his deep interest. Later, he inaugurated a new Lecture Room. He spent some time with trainees from province of Baluchistan and also chaired SDAC meeting at PFRI, Faisalabad.



Maj. (Retd.) Shahnawaz Badar Secretary FWF&T Deptt. inspecting the laboratory of PFRI Gatwala



Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman CCF CZ, briefing Secretary FWF&T about Laboratory of PFRI Gatwala

ONE DAY REGIONAL WORKSHOP

Pakistan Forest Institute, Peshawar arranged "One Day Regional Workshop on the Development of National Response Strategy to combat impact of climate change on forests of Pakistan" at Forest Complex 24- Cooper Road, Lahore. This conference was chaired by Malik Muhammad Khan, Former Chief Conservator of Forests. Mr. Saad Badshah, Director General, Pakistan Forest Institute (PFI), Peshawar welcomed the chief guest and briefed the participants regarding the objectives of the workshop.



A Group Photo of Participants of Workshops



Malik Muhammad Khan Former CCF chairing the Session



Saad Badshah Director General PFI, expressing his views



Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman CCF CZ, addressing the workshop



Prof. Dr. Farkhanda Manzoor LCWU along with other Female participants

Mr. Bajwa, Director, (director PFI) briefed the participants about the project, that was highly appreciated. The Chief Conservator of Forests, CZ, Lahore, Dr. Muhammad Arshad, CCF SZ also expressed his views about this study. This was followed by discussion and recommendations by leaders of various groups. The workshop ended with the vote of thanks by the Director General.

PASSING OUT CEREMONY

Since its establishment, Punjab Forestry Research Institute (PFRI), Faisalabad is imparting in-service and pre-service training to officers/officials of Forest Department for promotion of their technical skills. For this purpose three Forest Schools at Bahawalpur, Ghoragali and Faisalabad are functional. Diploma in Forestry classes (Two years training) commenced at PFRI in 2005.



Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman CCF CZ, addressing the Trainers



Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman CCF CZ, distributing shields among trainers



Guard of Honor of Trainers at Passing Out Ceremony

Until now 5 batches have completed their training. Passing out ceremony of fifth batch was held on 30-09-2011, an occasion graced by Muhammad Mahboob-ur-Rahman, CCF CZ as Chief Guest. Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Director, PFRI, Faisalabad welcomed the Chief Guest. This was followed by distribution of certificates and medals among the trainees. Addressing the trainees, CCF advised them to perform their duties with devotion and honesty so that we may be able to enhance the tree coverage in the country. The ceremony ended with the vote of thanks by Rai Muhammad Rafique, Principal, Punjab Forest School, Faisalabad.



Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman CCF CZ inspecting the Forest Complex regarding prevention measures against Dengue along with Syed M. Akmal Rahim CF Extension & Publicity and Mushtaq Dogar DFO Extension



Syed Rizwan Mahboob, AS FWF&T Deptt.



Raja Khalid Hussain, CCF North Zone



Muhammad Ajmal Rahim, CF Sargodha



Iftikhar Ahmad Qureshi, CF Rawalpindi



Dr. Zahid Javaid, CF Bahawalpur



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FARMER'S TRAINING AT PUNJAB FORESTRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, GATWALA

Pakistan is deficit in Forest resources, as only 4.9 % of the total area is under tree cover. Farm Forestry plays an important role to fulfill the wood requirement of the people especially the fuel wood. There is great potential to increase tree cover on private farms in the country. Farming community should be equipped with latest forest techniques so that their forest resource and ultimately farm income could be enhanced. In this context, Punjab Forest Research Institute (PFRI) Faisalabad arranges training programme for farming. Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Director PFRI addressing to Farmer's training programme at Chindiantalawan Distt) community to transfer latest forestry technology amongst the stakeholders. In this regard Gatwala Faisalabad in collaboration with Pakistan agriculture and Dairy farmers Association (PADFA) in which about 400 farmers participated. Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Director, PFRI, Rai Muhammad Rafique SRO, Muhammad Abdul Muqeet Khan DFO and other researchers delivered lectures on different aspects of forestry. At the end of the session chairman PADFA Ch. Ghulam Murtaza Buttar thanked PFRI for its efforts to transfer practical knowledge



Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Director PFRI Gatwala addressing to Farmer's



Rai Muhammad Rafique, SRO addressing the farming community of the area.

PUBLICATIONS

Administrative Department has decided to publish a book on Fauna and Flora of the Punjab regarding Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries Departments. The DFO Publicity has been deputed as the focal person for collection of the information from all concerned.

SEMINAR ON DENGUE FEVER A SERIOUS CONCERN OF PRESENT DAYS!

On the Direction of Administrative Department a seminar was organized by Shabbeer Ahmad Rana CF Range Management in his office on preventive measures against Dengue fever epidemic. Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, CCF CZ was the chief guest. Dr. Rafique, CF Gujranwal, Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Director PFRI, Rao Khaid Mehmood, CF Lahore, Naseer Khan, CF Faisalabad, Mushtaq Dogar, DFO Extension, Malik Noor, DFO Pest Control, Shakeel Ahmad Khan S.R.O Sericulture and Muhammad Sharif, Designer Publicity, were also present and contributing their view.



Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman CCF CZ, is chairing the meeting regarding prevention measures against Dengue Virus at Range Management Office Forest Colony, 108 Ravi Road Lhr

IRRIGATED PLANTATIONS OF THE PUNJAB

The application of irrigation technology for the production of wood was extended to the arid and semi-arid areas of the Punjab some 133 year ago, when it was realized by the then British Government that the tropical thorn forests by virtue of their low productivity were not in a position to cater to the needs of railway locomotives which depended on wood fuel for the source of energy. Initially, the tree plantations were sited along the main routes on which railways were to operate but later on they were established in the interior of the province as well. When Pakistan came into being, it was noted that only 3% of the total area was under forest which was highly inadequate to meet the needs of a balanced agricultural economy. Moreover, taking into account that aridity was the most important climatic characteristic of the province, it was considered essential to bring extensive areas of land under forest not only to moderate the climatic hazards, adversely influencing the growth of agricultural crops due to insufficiency of rainfall and high rate of evapotranspiration but also to support a flourishing civilization in the canal colonies. The area under irrigated plantations now constitutes 23.54% of the forest area of the province and 0.72% of the total geographical area of the Punjab. The irrigated plantations have been formed by converting tropical thorn forests comprising of thin dry, scattered growth of dry zone species such as jand (*Prosopis cineraria*), Karir (*Capparis affylla*), mallah (*Zizyphus numularia*), farash (*Tamarix affylla*), ak (*Calotropis procera*) etc. The productive capacity of these lands at that time was about 0.7 cubic meters per hectare (10 cft of wood per acre) per annum. Originally, shisham was the main species raised in the irrigated plantations but later on other species such as mulberry, bakain, eucalyptus and poplar were also introduced to enrich the biodiversity and to increase production of wood per unit area. In terms of productivity, the irrigated plantations are now contributing 1,717,933 cft of timber (mostly hardwood) and 3,554,93 cft of fuelwood (solid). The timber produced in the plantations is used by the sports goods, furniture, match wood and plywood industries of the country while firewood is used to meet domestic energy requirements (Rahim, S. M. Ajmal 2011-Working Plan for Changa Manga Plantation of Kasur Forest Division 2011-12 to 2030-31. Development Working Plan Circle, Lahore. Government of Punjab)

GLIMPSES OF MONSOON TREE PLANTATION CAMPAIGN 2011 IN PUNJAB



Dr. Farah Javaid MPA Arifwala planting a sapling at VTI, Arifwala



Assistant Commissioner Arifwala planting a sapling at VTI, Arifwala.



Anwar-ur-Haq Qureshi, DFO Sahiwal planting a sapling at VTI, Arifwala



Syed Haider Iqbal, DCO Pakpattan, planting a sapling at District Pakpattan



Rana Muhammad Farooq, DFO Chakwal, offering prayer after planting a sapling at Cadet College Katas



Raja Iftikhar Principal Cadet College Katas planting a sapling in his office.

ADP MEETING

APD meeting was chaired by Maj. (Retd.) Shahnawaz Badar Secretary FWF&T Deptt. Govt. of the Punjab along with Syed Rizwan Mehbub Additional Secretary FWF&T Deptt. Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman CCF Central Zone Lahore briefed the house in a very ouster way. Dr. Muhammad Arshad CCF, SZ Multan, Raja Khalid Hussain also explained the %age of utilization of their ADP. All Conservators of Punjab Forest Department were present. Administrative Department expressed restriction and directed to expedite the utilization of the ADP. All Chief Conservators of Forests ensured AD booking.



Maj. (R) Shahnawaz Badar Secretary FWF&T Deptt. chairing the senior forest officers meeting along with Syed Rizwan Mehbub Additional Secretary FWF&T Deptt.



DDC MEETING

A DDC (Departmental Dev. Committee) meeting was chaired by Maj (Retd.) Shahnawaz Badar, Secretary FWF&T Deptt. where various Development schemes were discussed. Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, CCF, CZ, Lahore and Syed Muhammad Ajmal Rahim, CF, Sargodha defended their projects, while the Southern Zone was represented by Dr. Zahid Javaid, CF Bahawalpur. Dr. Muhammad Rafique, CF Gujranwala, Iftikhar Ahmad Qureshi, CF Rawalpindi and Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Director, PFRI Gatwala Faisalabad were also present along with Dy. Secretary (Planning) Shahid Rashid Awan.



Maj. (R) Shahnawaz Badar Secretary FWF&T Deptt. chairing the meeting Shahid Rashid Awan DS (P), M. Mehbub-ur-Rehman CCF CZ, Syed Muhammad Ajmal Rahim, CF Sargodha were also present



TRANSFER POSTING

Syed Muhammad Ajmal Rahim Conservator of Forest Sargodha Circle has been assigned additional charge of Development and Working Plan Circle Lahore, as Muhammad Abdul Basit has gone on Ex-Pakistan leave for Haj. Syed Muhammad Akmal Rahim Divisional Forest Officer Publicity, has been assigned additional charge of Conservator of Forests Extension and Publicity Circle Lahore, as Muhammad Yusuf, Conservator of Forests Extension and Publicity, Lahore has been granted 45 days Ex-Pakistan leave for Haj. Tahir Saeed Chief Conservator of Forest PM&E has retired after his superannuation. Tahir Saeed joined this Department during 1980-81 as SDFO, served as Divisional Forest Officer, Conservator of Forests and retired as Chief Conservator of Forests. Mr. Liaquat Ali Gill has been posted as DFO Jhang, with additional charge of DFO D&WP, Lahore, while Mr. Mushtaq Gohar has been posted as Principal Forest School, Ghora Gali. Mr. Athar Khaga DFO (Attached) is posted as DFO Mangla with Army on a project. Mr. Tariq Chuhan DFO Bhakkar has been posted to DFO Bahawalpur, while DFO Bahawalpur Hassan Saeed, is directed to work in the Administrative Department. whereas Mr. Naseem Bhatti DFO Bhakkar is posted as DFO Bhakkar.