

FOREST UPDATE

PUNJAB FOREST DEPARTMENT

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LECTURE ON EUCALYPTUS CLONING

An Indian Senior Forester, Mr. Piaree Lal visited Pakistan and delivered a comprehensive talk on the different clones of the Eucalyptus and Popular tree in the committee room, office of the Secretary FW&F Deptt. Major Shahnawaz Badar (R) who chaired the occasion and introduced the senior forest officers with the Indian foresters. Rashid Kamal-ul-Rehman, Additional Secretary FW&F Deptt. Shabbir Ahmad Rana, CCF, Central Zone, Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, CCF, PM&E Punjab, Shahid Rashid Awan, Deputy Secretary, FW&F Deptt., Tariq Mahmood, CF, Extension & Publicity Circle, Muhammad Abdul Basit, CF, DW&P Circle, Lahore, Muhammad Yusuf, CF, Lahore Circle, Khizar Hayat, CF, DW&P Multan, Kamran Babar, DFO (Planning), Dr.

Muhammad Akmal Rahim, DFO Publicity, Dr. Omar Raja, DFO Lahore/Sheikhupura, Malik Noor, DFO, Pest Control, Feroze-ud-Din, DFO D&WP Lahore, Shakeel Ahmad, SRO, Sericulture, Rai Muhammad Rafique, SRO, Gatwala, were there and participated by asking various questions on Eucalyptus nursery and cloning techniques. Mr. Piaree Lal explained in a scientific way that Eucalyptus has no allopathic harm on the agriculture field and the fear in the minds of the Foresters, agriculturist, planners etc. that productivity is affected, is wrong and baseless. Major Shahnawaz Badar (R) presented the souvenirs to Piaree Lal and conveyed the good wishes on behalf of the Forest Department and he responded the hospitality with equal warmth by wearing the gifted cap bearing the monogram of the Punjab Forest Department.



Major Shahnawaz Badar (R), Secretary FW&F Deptt., chairing the talk by Piaree Lal with CCF



Major Shahnawaz Badar (R), Secretary FW&F Department, presenting souvenirs to Indian Forester



Shabbir Ahmad Rana, CCF, CZ, Lahore, Dr. Zafar Iqbal CCF, PM&E, Punjab & Kamran Babar, DFO (Planning), Feroze-ud-Din Rai Muhammad Rafique, Malik Noor and Shakeel Ahmad



Piaree Lal, delivering lecture in presence of Major Shahnawaz Badar (R), Secretary FW&F Deptt., Rashid Kamal-ul-Rehman, AS, Shahid Rashid Awan, DS and Abdul Basit CF

ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS

Major Shahnawaz Badar (R) Secretary FW&F Deptt. and Shabbir Ahmad Rana, CCF, CZ, briefed the Honorable Minister for Forests, regarding various assembly questions alongwith Dr. Muhammad Rafique CF, Sargodha, Sadaat Ali Khan, CF, Bahawalpur, Muhammad Yusuf, CF, Lahore, Sh. Irshad, CF Multan, Wajee-ud-Din DFO Mianwali, Liaquat Ali Gill, DFO Kasur, Faisal Qureshi, DFO Multan, Javaid Gill, DFO Murree. Afterwards, honorable Minister for Forests, successfully answered the questions of the house.



Ahmad Ali Olakh, Minister for Forests, chairing meeting regarding Assembly Questions with Major Shahnawaz Badar (R), Secretary FW&F Deptt. and Shabbir Ahmad Rana, CCF, CZ



Shabbir Ahmad Rana, CCF, CZ, Dr. Muhammad Rafique, CF, Sargodha, Muhammad Yusuf, CF, Lahore & Liaquat Ali Gill, DFO Kasur

A RECREATIONAL VISIT OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF OF GC.U, LAHORE

Recreation is a tonic for health and no place can be better than a forest area like Changa Manga, though man made but with recreational facilities. The Academic Staff of GC.U, Lahore and their families visited Changa Manga Recreation Park alongwith the Vice chancellor, GCU, Prof. Dr. Khaleeq-ur-Rehman. Muhammad Yusuf, CF, Lahore, and Liaquat Ali Gill, DFO, gave a warm welcome to the guests. After enjoying the train ride, the Vice Chancellor GC.U, Lahore, planted a tree at VIP hut, Changa Manga, alongwith other senior Professors and Deans of the University. Hassan Shah, Chairman Physics was the coordinator of the visit.



Vice Chancellor, Government College University (G.C.U), Lahore alongwith professors and deans planting trees at Changa Manga arranged by DFO Kasur



VISIT OF THE WORTHY SECRETARY FORESTS OF BALUCHISTAN

Mr. Ghulam Ali, Secretary Forests, Baluchistan, Mr. Nasim Ahmad Lehri, Secretary Livestock, Baluchistan and Mr. Munir Ahmad Jan, Deputy Secretary Establishment Division, Islamabad, visited Chakwal Forest Division on 06.12.2012. The distinguished guests were briefed about the Chakwal Forest Division and ongoing project under One UN JPE titled "Rehabilitation of Catchment areas of Small Dams in District Chakwal". They also visited a commercial Dairy Farm near village Ratta. The participants showed keen interest in the ongoing activities of Forest Department regarding this project and appreciated the work of Chakwal Forest Division



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CEDRELA TOONA (TUN - تن)

It is native to the lower Himalayas including Pakistan and Nepal, found in the plains east of the Indus River, has been extensively planted in Islamabad as avenue tree. It is a medium sized, deciduous tree, 18 to 21 m tall, moderate tolerant, can stand some shade at an early age, however, it becomes more intolerant to shade with age. It grows on a variety of well drained soils, in valleys. It requires a precipitation zone of 1125 to 4000 mm/yr or more, prefers a sub-humid subtropical climate with a temperature range of -5 to 40 °C. It is not frost hardy as a seedling but older trees are quite frost hardy. Trees 14 m tall with a diameters of 20 cm, are grown in 16 years. The grain is straight, somewhat uneven textured, with the color of sapwood in pinkish to grayish white, while heartwood is light red aging to reddish brown. The specific gravity of 0.57 and calorific value of 5100 kcal/kg. The wood is light, moderately hard and resilient. Flowers are small, white appear in March to May. The wood can be used as furniture, fodder, ornamental purpose, timber, shade and construction, and has medicinal value because its bark is used to treat dysentery.



INSPECTION OF JATI UMRAH ROAD SIDE PLANTATION

Major Shahnawaz Badar (R), Secretary FW&F Dept., visited the Jati Umrah Raiwind and inspected roadside afforestation. Shabbir Ahmad Rana, CCF, Muhammad Yusuf, CF Lahore Circle, Dr. Omar Raja, DFO Lahore, Shahid Tabasam, SDFO Lahore, were there and discussed the maintenance of roadside afforestation.



Raja Omer, DFO Lahore/Skp., briefed the Major Shahnawaz Badar (R), Secretary FW&F Dept., Shabbir Ahmad Rana, CCF, CZ, Lahore and Muhammad Yusuf, CF, Lahore Circle, Lahore



OLD MEMORIES



1. Ghulam Rabani Khar, Minister for Forests, 2. Anwar Masroor, CCF, 3. Sh. Fareed-ud-Din, Secretary, 4. M.I. Sheikh, CCF, 5. Ashraf Hafeez, CCF, 6. Akhtar Saeed, CF, 7. Javaid Ahsan, CCF, 8. Mian Mahmood, CCF



1. Ch. Riaz-ul-Hassan, CCF, 2. Sheikh Qayum, World Bank Consultant, 3. Malik Muhammad Khan, CCF, 4. Muhammad Aslam DFO and World Bank Team



1. Sahibzada Muhammad Hafeez, CCF, 2. Mian Shameem, CCF/PD and 3. Javaid Hassan, CCF, in a meeting of PFSDP World Bank

HOW TO INCREASE THE FOREST COVER OF PUNJAB

Punjab province has a meager Forest land and due to rapidly and exponentially increasing population, the pressure on these Forest resources is increasing day by day, and if proper measures are not taken in time, there is apprehension that the natural forests as well as irrigated plantations would vanish within few years. It shall create a shortage of firewood as well as timber followed by the degradation of environment due to climatic changes like global warming and pollution that are most likely to occur due to reduction in forest cover. A huge gap that has already been created will further widen as the difference between demand and supply will markedly increase day by day.

By adopting the following measures, Punjab Forest Department is planning to enhance the tree cover, in the same manner as it has successfully completed many projects in the past:

- To overcome the shortage of water, the farmer could play a vital role in enhancing the plant cover by planting trees on their farm lands i.e. Agroforestry, to plant tree with agriculture crop.
- The Govt. is going to activate the Extension & Publicity wing for the persuasion, motivation and imparting the training to the farmers.
- The transfer of technology from public sector to private sector is playing a pivotal role, which would be great economic support for the farmers. It will boost their economic condition and could generate handsome income, resultantly decrease in poverty.
- The scientific literature is being distributed among the farmers so that they could get information regarding choice of species, choice of agro forestry design etc. along with its scientific management.
- Without incentives it would not be possible to motivate the poor farmer community to plant trees on their land, so a mechanism is required to develop facility and soft loan to the farmers.
- Village afforestation committee are playing vital roles, under DCO of each district.
- The students of village community are going to be involved in extension activities by making them plant trees in their mother's name.

MIAN MUHAMMAD RAFI (LATE) EX. CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS / EX. SECRETARY FORESTS

Mian Muhammad Rafi an eminent forest officer, a symbol of honesty, steadfastness, a visionary person was inducted in Forest Service, after graduating from Dehra Dun. He had distinction of serving as Head of Forest Department at Quetta, Hyderabad and Lahore and then as Secretary, Government of Punjab, Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries Department. He was an extremely active man and worked hard for ushering the improvements in the department. He had a vision and a mission in life to make the functionaries of the department enlightened, industrious, vibrant besides the technical & managerial uplift and betterment of the department to the level of perfection. So to accomplish these goals he not only toured extensively followed by writing inspection notes to impart guidance as per ground situations but also issued as many as 73 Circulars which are still in vogue as such even after passage of almost four decades.

TRANSFERS & POSTINGS

Following transfers & postings took place since the issuance of the last Forest Update:

- Dr. Zahid Javaid has been posted as the Conservator of Forests (CF), Gujranwala circle, Gujranwala.
- Mr. Khizar Hayat is posted as Conservator of Forests (CF), Development & Working Plan, Multan.
- Mr. Altaf Hussain Shah is posted as Conservator of Forests (CF), Development & Working Plan, Rawalpindi.
- Mr. Gul Noor has been transferred and posted as Divisional Officer Forests (DOF), Muzaffar Ghar.
- Mr. Saddique Doggar who was awaiting his posting orders has been appointed as Division Forest Officer (DFO), Range Management, Bhakkar.
- Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, former Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Zone, has been posted as Deputy Managing Director, Health Foundation, Lahore.
- Mr. Tariq Naseem, DOF Mianwali is posted as DFO, Headquarter, O/o the Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF), Central Zone, Lahore, while Extension Forest Division has merged with DFO Publicity.