

Name of Centre : **ENVIS Center on “Forestry”**

Host Organisation : **Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun, Uttranchal**

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Year of Establishment : **1997**

About Host Organisation

Forest Research Institute (FRI) came into being in 1906. It was then known as Imperial Forest Research Institute. Later renamed as Forest Research Institute (FRI) and Colleges, it conducts research on Forestry and trains Forest Officers and Forest Rangers. Now FRI is a constituent of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education and has been conferred the status of Deemed University in December 1991 on the recommendations of University Grants Commission. The well-equipped classrooms, computer center, and the conference room along with the offices are housed in the Deemed University Building within the New Forest campus. Students have access to the rich library and laboratories of FRI.

Activities of the Centre

- ENVIS Centre at FRI collects, collate and compiles information on forestry for dissemination. Large no. of books, reports, documents etc are published by FRI. It has a collection of documents on forestry and allied sciences in South and Southeast Asia having about 1.29 lakh books, 32,000 bound periodicals and subscribing to 118 Indian and 150 foreign periodicals. The Centre brings out many publications from time to time.

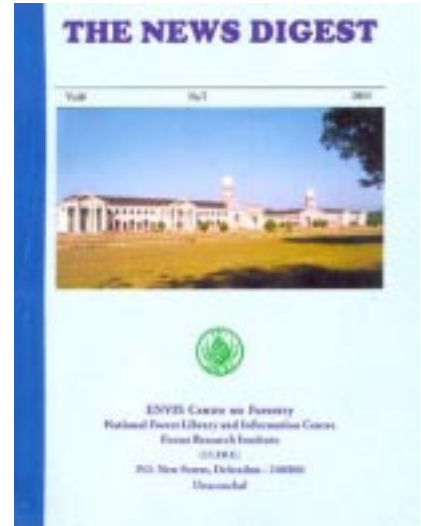
ENVIS Publications

- ENVIS Newsletter

- The ENVIS Forestry Bulletin is published biannually by the ENVIS Centre on Forestry. The bulletin contains articles that are of interest to academicians, researchers, administrators, foresters, etc The ENVIS Forestry Bulletin was started this year and only two issues of this bulletin were published.

○ Publications

- ◆ **Annotated Bibliography on *Prosopis juliflora*:** Collected about 700 references along with abstracts on *Prosopis juliflora*, an arid zone tree which is extremely valuable in afforestation of desert and salt affected soils;
- ◆ **The News Digest :** It is a monthly publication, compiled from articles on broad topics on forestry, environment and wildlife from 15 English and Hindi newspapers of national, regional and local circulation. This publication is circulated among different institutes, etc. having interest on forestry and environment. This services is provided since 1998.



Services

○ Abstracting Services

- ◆ **Grey Literature on Indian Forestry:** A good number of grey literature documents were collected and processed.
- ◆ **Photocopying Service:** This service was extended to those who visited the Centre and also to the scholars who had requested for photocopies of references from distant places.
- ◆ **Electronic Content Page Services:** In order to provide fast and efficient access to information, National Forest Library and Information Centre (NFLIC) has introduced a Contents Page Service since 2001. In this service the content pages of 150 foreign journals are scanned and saved in files. These files are then transmitted among institutions over the electronic mail system

○ Query Answer Services

- ◆ ENVIS Center on Forestry receives national and international queries on the assigned subject. The queries are handed over to the expert scientist who critically read it for adequate replies. This service is being provided regularly and will continue in future. No. of queries answered one year are 350.

FRI Website (<http://www.icfre.org>)

- Scope and organization and its activities, Research Initiatives, Transfer Technology Extension Activities, Forestry Education, All its institutes (8) and advanced centres (3) are linked, Information on the ENVIS Centre on Forestry at FRI is being compiled and will be available on the internet shortly.

Future Plans

- **Indian Forestry Abstracts:** Although a vast number of articles on Indian forestry are published in several national journals, there is no abstracting service covering these publications comprehensively. With this view in mind, it has been decided to make a concise attempt to publish the citations with abstracts of articles published in the Indian periodicals having bearing on forestry under the title of Indian Forestry Abstracts. For this purpose Indian periodicals are scanned and the relevant articles taken in. Indian Forestry Abstracts will be compiled in digital form and made available on the internet.
- **The News Digest and ENVIS Forestry Bulletin** to be continued and database on grey literature to be compiled;
- Publish an annotated bibliography on *Prosopis juliflora* in the electronic form which would be searchable by author, title, keywords and free text.
- Documentation of the relevant documents available at NFLIC and making the database accessible on the Internet. This database will have information retrieval facility with author, title, keywords, free text search, etc.