

The 'Forestry Statistics India 2011' was released by Dr. V. K. Bahuguna, Director General, ICFRE in the presence all Deputy Directors General, Director, FRI, and other senior officers, at ICFRE, Dehradun on 22nd January 2013. This report has been prepared by Division of Statistics, Directorate of Extension, under the guidance of Shri Saibal Das Gupta, DDG (Extension), ICFRE.

Forests are the commendable resource of Timber, Non-Wood Forest Products, energy and environmental services. Besides they also provide means of subsistence to a large number of forest Dwellers and forest fringe villages. This sector supports large number of forest based industries as well, like pulp & paper, hardboard, plywood etc. This multifarious role of forest has attracted the global attention toward the development of this sector. All this has made the task of statistical reporting of this sector more challenging.

For planning and management of forest resources, correct and timely information is necessary prerequisite as it helps in taking policy decisions. Since many years Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun is making efforts to collect the primary and secondary statistics pertaining to this sector. This collected information is further disseminated to various stakeholders in the form of report i.e. 'Forestry Statistics India'.

The present issue of this report 'Forestry Statistics India-2011' is more comprehensive and different as compared to previous issues as it contains data of four years collectively, i.e. from 2006-07 to 2009-10. This report highlights seven major sections of forestry which are Forest Resource, Forest Establishment, Production, Wildlife, Socio-Economic Aspects, Trade and Silviculture. New features in this report have been added such as graphical representation of data for better understanding of trends, pictorial presentation of activities of forestry sector and brief write-up in the beginning of each section reflecting the holistic picture of forestry statistics. The publication shall prove to be useful for researchers, forest managers, planners, administrators and other stakeholders.

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