

India most vulnerable to climate Change: Omkar Singh

DDG, ICFRE inaugurates training course on '**Climate Change and Carbon Mitigation**'

In the recent years Climate Change is one of the few issues that have received tremendous global attention. Speaking on the occasion of the inaugural session of the training programme on '**Climate Change and Carbon Mitigation**' for the scientists and technologists working in the Government sector, Shri Omkar Singh Deputy Director General (Education) ICFRE said that Climate change is a major challenge for developing countries like India where communities depend heavily on natural resources like forest. Shri Singh further said that Government of India has launched the Indian Network of Climate Change Assessment (INCCA), a network-based programme coordinated by Ministry of Environment and Forests, which will undertake ambitious programme of climate change assessment. 'Green India Mission' of the Government of India has a major thrust of bringing 10 Mha of degraded forest land under tree cover.

Dr. Renu Singh, Head, Biodiversity and Climate Change Division and the Course Director while welcoming the participants gave the highlights of the course structure. Dr. Singh told about various national and international institutions dealing with climate change mitigation. She informed that Climate Change Division at ICFRE is actively engaged in the capacity building programmes of the various stakeholders including Scientists and technologists working in the Government sector.

The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) Dehra Dun is organizing a five days training programme on '**Climate Change and Carbon Mitigation**' from 14-18 November 2011 for the scientists and technologists working in government sector. 30 scientists and technologists from 15 states representing Department/Ministries of Central Government, Public sector Units, and Government aided Research Institutes, Central and State Universities are participating in the training programme.



Dr. Anita Srivastava conducted the inaugural session, Mr. V.R.S. Rawat proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Rabindra Kumar, DDG (Extension) Shri Sandeep Triapthi Director (Projects and International Cooperation), ICFRE and other officers and scientist of ICFRE and FRI were present on the occasion.