

Celebration of Hindi Fortnight at ICFRE, Dehradun

Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) celebrated Hindi Fortnight from 14 to 28 September 2018. The closing ceremony of the event took place today i.e. 28 September 2018 in ICFRE Auditorium. Dr. Suresh Gairola, DG, ICFRE was the Chief Guest on this occasion. The programme started with the lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest. He stated that in ICFRE use of Hindi has increased during the fortnight, and what we need is to continue with this pace till we achieve the targets fixed by the Government. He further stressed that implementation of Rajbhasha Hindi is our national responsibility.

Shri A.S. Rawat, DDG (Admin.), while delivering the welcome address laid emphasis on the importance of Rajbhasha Hindi and informed the audience about the various activities conducted during the Fortnight including seven competitions namely, Noting-Drafting, Hindi Essay Writing, Hindi Translation, Hindi Typing, Hindi Debate, Hindi Quiz and Self - Written Poetry Recitation in which 68 participants actively participated. He also informed that "*ICFRE Rajbhasha Puraskar*" was awarded to Arid Forest Research Institute (AFRI), Jodhpur for best performance amongst the institutes situated in 'A' region and Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST), Bengaluru for best performance amongst the institutes situated in 'C' region for best implementation of Rajbhasha Hindi for the year 2017-18. The "*ICFRE Rajbhasha Protsahan Puraskar*" was awarded to Shri Anil Rawat, UDC, ICFRE for overall performance for implementation of Hindi in his official works during the year 2017-18.

After the welcome address, A 'Self - Written Poetry Recitation' competition was organized on the occasion. Prizes were distributed to the winners of different competitions held during Hindi Week by the Chief Guest, Dr. Suresh Gairola, DG, ICFRE. Shri S.D. Sharma DDG (Research), ICFRE while addressing the gathering stressed upon the need for use of Hindi in official works

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Shamila Kalia, ADG (M & Extn.). About 100 officers, scientists and employees were present during the closing ceremony.