

## Celebration of Hindi Fortnight at ICFRE, Dehradun

Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) celebrated Hindi Fortnight from 01 to 14 September 2021. The closing ceremony of the Hindi Fortnight and Hindi Divas was observed today i.e. 14 September 2021 in ICFRE Auditorium. Shri A.S. Rawat, DG, ICFRE was the Chief Guest on this occasion. While addressing the gathering he conveyed his greetings on the occasion of Hindi Day and stated that though the fortnight is now over but the commitment is not, therefore, we have to maintain the spirit all through the year. Emphasizing on the implementation of Rajbhasha Hindi he stressed that the language must be easy and understandable to one and all. He further added that we need to be careful while choosing the words for official communication besides applying them in a lucid manner.

Dr. Sudhir Kumar, DDG (Extn.), 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 eight competitions namely, Noting-Drafting, Hindi Essay Writing, Hindi Translation, Hindi Debate, Hindi Quiz, Shabd Sandhan, Antyakshari, and Self - Written Poetry Recitation in which 92 participants actively participated. He also informed that "*ICFRE Rajbhasha Puraskar*" was awarded to **Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI), Shimla** for best performance amongst the institutes situated in 'A' region and **Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore** for best performance amongst the institutes situated in 'C' region for best implementation of Rajbhasha Hindi for the year 2020-21. The "*ICFRE Rajbhasha Protsahan Puraskar*" was awarded to ten personnel of ICFRE for overall performance for implementation of Hindi in their official works during the year 2020-21.

The winners of different competitions held during Hindi Fortnight were announced by Dr. Geeta Joshi, ADG (M & Extn.), ICFRE. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Geeta Joshi. Shri S.D. Sharma, DDG (Res.), Shri R.K. Dogra, DDG (Admin), Smt Kanchan Devi, DDG (Edu), Dr. Sudhir Kumar, DDG (Extension), Shri Anurag Bhardwaj, Director (I.C.), and all other officers/scientists/employees were present during the closing ceremony following COVID-19 protocols. The programme was also webcasted live.

