

One week short term training programme on “Ecological restoration of mined lands” is being held at Forest Research Institute, Dehradun from 25th to 29th July 2011 to the officers and officials of the Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., Dhanbad (A subsidiary company of Coal India Ltd.). Dr. (Mrs.) Laxmi Rawat, Head Ecology and Environment Division, welcome the Director, FRI, participants and other members present there. Dr. H.B. Vasistha, Course Director gave the overview of course content. The main objective of this training programme is to abreast the participants about the measures taken in restoration of coal mines particularly in the Jharia mine areas, Jharkhand. In the light of this, a road map for restoration of coal mining of BCCL area has been prepared by FRI on request of BCCL, Dhanbad. The division of Ecology and Environment has also given task for developing model plantation in one of the mines of BCCL. This training programme is design on the same line. The training was inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr. S.S. Negi, IFS, Director, FRI and Dr. Negi emphasized that this training would be beneficial to the participants and whatever they learnt from this training, will be applied in the ecological restoration of coal mined areas. He also focussed that collaboration between BCCL and F. R. I is the beginning in this direction and need of today. Dr. Negi also assured that FRI will give all the help and guidance to the BCCL to achieve this goal. 13 participants from BCCL, Dhanbad, will be trained in this course. At the end, vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. (Mrs) Mridula Negi. On this occasion, all the Head of Divisions of FRI, Dean, FRI University and scientist of Ecology and Environment Division Sh. Nirmal Ram and Dr. Pramod Kumar were also present.



