

# GUEST LECTURE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT (02 January, 2014)



As a part of Expert lecture series; A lecture on **"Disaster Management"** was delivered by Shri Rajesh Chawla, IPS, I.G., Homeguard and Civil Defense at Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur (MP). Dr. U. Prakasham, Director TFRI, welcomed the speaker by presenting a bouquet. Sh. P. Subramanyam, Group Coordinator Research briefed him about the mandate of institute and various

research activities currently being pursued at the institute.

During the talk, Sh. Chawla emphasized on holistic approach for effective disaster management. He informed that better understanding, preparedness along with effective mitigation efforts can save lives during any disaster. People should remain patient, calm and focused during any mishap. It is also very important to have a sense of social responsibilities. Parents and teachers have a major role to play to



aware the young generation about their social responsibilities at school level. People should always keep important/emergency contact numbers with them and volunteers should come forward for saving lives. He informed that the coordination is the key for effective disaster management. In spite of that, he also explained to the gathering, the qualities of a good rescuer and role of social media during disaster. He opined that people from different segments of society should be trained so that they can help themselves and others. In this regard, his team is planning to provide the trainings to the common men so that they can help themselves and others.



At the end of the lecture a team of led by Sh. Ashish Khare, District Commandant, Home guard, Jabalpur demonstrated the various measures adopted during rescue operations in case of disasters. Sh. KK Dabral Company Commander, Home Guard, Jabalpur, taught the gathering about life-jackets, life-buoys, and different types of rope

knots during disaster to save themselves as well as others.

On this occasion, senior scientists Dr. N. Roychoudhury, Dr. Avinash Jain, Dr. R. K. Verma, Dr. Rajiv Rai and Dr. Nanita Berry along with other scientists, research staff and research scholars of the institute were present. Sh. Hari Om Saxena P.R.O. informed that the training will also be given to the TFRI people on disaster management in near future. As a token of appreciation, a memento was presented to the speaker and his team by Director, TFRI. Dr. Fatima Shirin, Senior Scientist presented a vote of thanks to the speaker and his team.