



PRAKRITI MAHAKUMBH

Forestry & Environment Awareness Camp



The world's largest gathering, Maha Kumbh-2025, is being organized from 13 January to 26 February 2025 in Prayagraj (formerly Allahabad), the heart of Indian culture and spirituality, renowned as Tirtharaj. Held at the sacred confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the invisible Saraswati rivers, the Maha Kumbh Mela occurs once every 12 years. This grand event not only holds immense religious and spiritual significance but also serves as a vibrant cultural and social gathering, uniting people from diverse communities and countries. This year, the Maha Kumbh fair will cover an extensive area of 4,000 hectares, anticipating a remarkable gathering of around 55 crore visitors from both India and abroad. Such an extraordinary congregation presents an unparalleled opportunity to foster awareness of environmental values and promote forestry practices among the society.

To contribute to this effort, the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun, under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, has set up the "Prakriti Kumbh Environment and Forestry Awareness Camp" in the fair area. The camp will showcase innovative techniques developed by ICFRE in the field of forestry research and host a variety of programs designed to raise public awareness about environment conservation. The initiative emphasizes active public participation to foster a sense of collective responsibility for preserving our natural heritage. The planned activities include -

Forestry and Environment Exhibition

Training and workshops for tree cultivation and green cover enhancement

Environmental awareness through cultural and extension programmes

Farmer/Visitor-Scientist Interaction

Environment Protection Pledge and Signature Campaign

Quiz competition and Street plays etc

Broadcasting of films on various genres of media for various stakeholders

Display and sale of council's publications, high quality seedlings and seeds

INDIAN COUNCIL OF FORESTRY RESEARCH AND EDUCATION, DEHRADUN

(Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi, Govt. of India)

Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun

The **Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun**, is an autonomous organization under the **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**, Government of India, established in **1986**. Its primary objective is to plan, guide, and manage research and education in the field of forestry. The Council's functions include conducting forestry research, transferring developed technologies to various Indian states and user agencies, and providing forestry education. To cater to the research needs of different biogeographical regions, ICFRE operates through **9 research Institutes** and **5 advanced Centers** across the country.

Research Perspective

Conservation, protection, regeneration, rehabilitation and sustainable development of natural forest ecosystem

Reforestation on barren, waste, marginal and mining lands

Research on tree improvement

To enhance the productivity of wood and non-wood forest products per unit area and time through the application of scientific and technical approaches

Research on better utilisation, recovery and processing of forest produce for value addition and employment generation

Ecological rehabilitation of all fragile ecosystems like mountains, mangroves, deserts etc

Socio-economic and policy research to develop strategies towards attracting people's participation in forest

ICFRE-Eco Rehabilitation Centre, Prayagraj

Established in 1992, ICFRE- Eco Rehabilitation Centre, Prayagraj is a leading centre in forestry research and extension. The main objective of the centre is to promote professional excellence in the field of agroforestry and ecological restoration. The work area of the centre include three agro-climatic zones of eastern Uttar Pradesh (Middle Ganga Plains, Upper Ganga Plains and Central Plateaus and Hills). The research activities of the centre are aimed at rehabilitation of degraded ecosystems, damaged sites and promotion of agroforestry as well as providing accessible technical support to user groups for conservation and optimal use of forest resources. Apart from research, the centre has made significant contributions in forestry extension, technology demonstration and capacity building efforts for various stakeholders. The centre performs this function in collaboration with the state forest department, farmers, tree growers, students, NGOs, entrepreneurs and forest-based industries etc



VISION

"To achieve long-term ecological stability, sustainable development and economic security through conservation and scientific management of forest ecosystems"



MISSION

"To generate, advance and disseminate scientific knowledge and technologies for ecological security, improved productivity, livelihoods enhancement and sustainable use of forest resources through forestry research and education"

Research

- Managing Forests and Forest Products for Livelihood Support and Economic Growth
- Biodiversity Conservation and Ecological Security
- Forests and Climate Change
- Forest Genetic Resource Management and Tree Improvement


Education and Extension

- Forestry Education and Policy Research to meet Emerging Challenges
- Forestry Extension for taking Research to People



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