## ICFRE-Forest Research Institute, Dehradun Celebration of Wildlife week-2024

## Online seminar on *"Human wildlife conflict: Issues, challenges and way forward"*

Extension Division, ICFRE-FRI, Dehradun organized an online seminar on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024 as a part of celebration of Wildlife week-2024. On this occasion an online lecture was delivered on *"Human wildlife conflict: Issues, challenges and way forward*" by Dr. Bilal Habib, Sr. Scientist, Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun. The seminar was attended by about more than 60 participants including officers, scientists and staff of FRI, WII and other ICFRE institutes.

At the outset, Ms. Richa Misra, IFS, Head, Extension Division, ICFRE-FRI delivered welcome address and highlighted the issue related with human wildlife conflict. She invited Dr. Renu Singh, IFS, Director, ICFRE-FRI, Dehradun for the address and opening remarks. Dr. Renu Singh spoke on wildlife conservation through co-existence with nature. In her address, she highlighted the issue of leopard presently existing in Forest Research Institute and precautionary steps taken in the institute. She mentioned that every animal has its important role in the nature. She told that a harmony between human and animal in needed for environmental balance in the nature. He said that the seminar is a common platform to learn something and make commitment for protection of nature and minimize the human wildlife conflict.

During technical session of the seminar, Dr. Bilal Habib, Sr. Scientist WII, Dehradun shared his views on "*Human wildlife conflict: Issues, challenges and way forward*". He highlighted the issues on creation of conflict between man and animals in the nature. He told that natural habitat of wild animals is shrinking due to man-made activities in forest area and animals are moving in human habitat. He highlighted the

human wildlife conflict by taking the leopard, elephant, wolf and other animals into account. He spoke on some strategies, such as installing the light and sound system, making boundaries & barriers for crops, trenching, surveillance and guarding, etc. Dr. Bilal Habib also addressed various quarries raised by audience. He also talked above working with the communities to increase their awareness on the issue for better preparedness.

Shri Lokinder Sharma, Scientist-C, Extension Division, ICFRE-FRI moderated the programme. During concluding session, vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Charan Singh, Scientist-F, Extension Division, ICFRE-FRI. All members of the team of Extension Division including Shri Rambir Singh, Scientist-E did a commendable work under the supervision of Ms. Richa Misra, Head Extension Division, ICFRE-FRI for making the programme successful.

## **Glimpses**







