

# [***TFRI trains 100 Madhya Pradesh Forest officers on Soil Health***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6B7H-3TM1-JB3N-T0PJ-00000-00&context=1516831)

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BHOPAL: In a concerted effort to enhance ***soil health*** and bolster forest productivity, the Tropical Forest Research Institute (TFRI), Jabalpur, conducted a comprehensive workshop and training session for over 100 forest range officers and deputy rangers hailing from 15 Forest Divisions across Madhya Pradesh.This initiative, organized under the All India Coordinated Research Project on Preparation of Forest ***Soil Health*** Cards, saw enthusiastic participation from forest officers keen on optimizing their management practices.The inaugural session, graced by state’s chief wildlife warden Aseem Shrivastava, IFS, PCCF, took place virtually, providing a platform for interactive engagement with officers and participants.Shrivastava highlighted role of the training in elevating forest productivity, urging attendees to leverage the insights gained for the benefit of their respective forest areas.Notably, he highlighted the significance of ***Soil Health*** Cards (SHC) crafted by TFRI Jabalpur as indispensable tools for tailoring site-specific ***soil*** management strategies.Kanchan Devi, IFS, Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), shed light on the national significance of the endeavor, commending TFRI's efforts in bridging the gap between laboratory research and on-ground application. She affirmed the council's commitment to extending SHC preparation up to the beat level for each forest range, thereby ensuring comprehensive coverage.Dr Vijendra Panwar, National Project Coordinator, elucidated on the 12 crucial parameters of ***soil*** micro and macro nutrients pivotal for SHC formulation, advocating for their judicious utilization to enhance productivity while mitigating environmental impacts through organic inputs.Dr H S Ginwal, Director ICFRE-TFRI, lauded TFRI's monumental task of crafting SHCs for 63 forest divisions of Madhya Pradesh, emphasizing the institute's pioneering role in organizing the nation's first workshop tailored for Madhya Pradesh forest department officers.The training sessions delved into various facets, including ***soil*** sample collection methodologies, nutrient management, optimal fertilizer application techniques, and the sustainable use of biofertilizers.

These insights are poised to equip forest officers with the tools necessary for enhancing the productivity and sustainability of Madhya Pradesh's forests.The event saw the presence of distinguished personalities including Shri Pradeep Vasudeva, Director, SFRI; S K Singh, Director Kanha National Park; Ravindra Mani Tripathi, Deputy Director SFRI; and Dr Avinash Jain, Scientist & Head, Forest Ecology and Climate Change Division, ICFRE-TFRI, underlining the collaborative spirit driving this initiative forward.Dr Jangam Deepika, ***Soil*** Scientist, ICFRE-TFRI, adeptly moderated the inaugural event, ensuring its smooth conduct and facilitating fruitful discussions among participants. For Reprint Rights: timescontent.com

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