

Note on Intensification of Forest Management scheme

The Intensification of Forest Management scheme is a revised version of Integrated Forest Protection Scheme that was in operation during the 10th Five Year Plan and has been allowed to continue in the 11th Five Year Plan as well. The main components of the scheme during the 11th Five Year Plan are as under:

- (i) Forest Fire control and Management (existing).
- (ii) Strengthening of Infrastructure (existing)
- (iii) Survey, Demarcation and Working Plan preparation (existing).
- (iv) Protection and Conservation of Sacred Groves (New).
- (v) Conservation and Restoration of Unique Vegetation & Ecosystems (New).
- (vi) Control and Eradication of Forest Invasive Species (New).
- (vii) Preparedness for Meeting Challenges of Bamboo Flowering and Improving Management of Bamboo Forests (New).

The Scheme has a Central Sector component and a State Sector component on 60:40 fund sharing basis. The major works of the Scheme that are to be implemented by the State/UT Forest Department are implemented through the State Sector component by releasing the funds to the concerned States/UT Governments.