

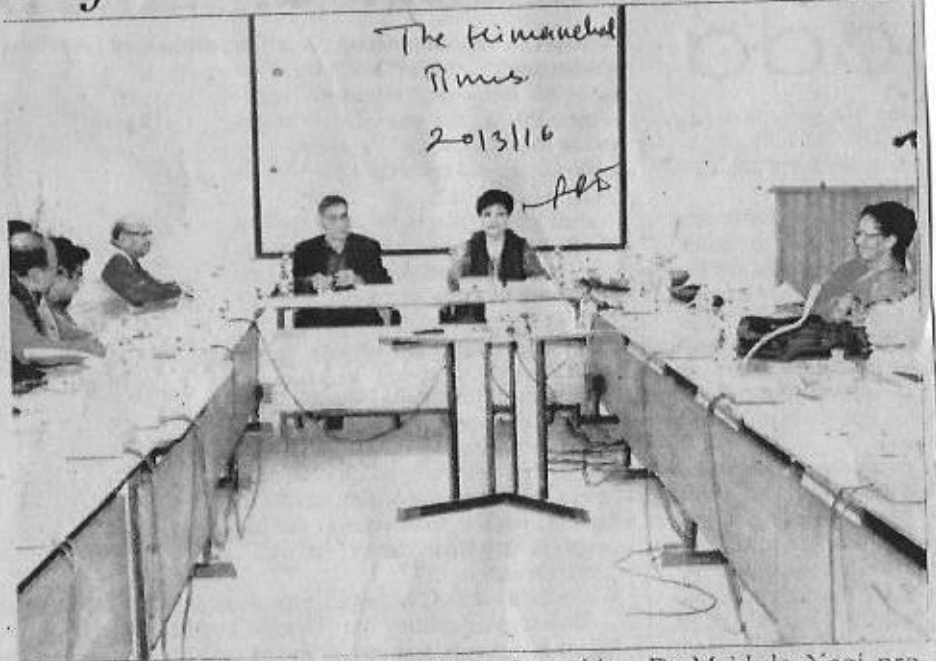
Training on "Ecological restoration of mined lands" concludes

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One-week training programme on "Ecological restoration of mined lands" concluded at FRI. Dr Savita, Director, Forest Research Institute was the Chief Guest of the closing ceremony.

Dr Mridula Negi, Scientist, Ecology and Environment Division, welcomed the chief guest, participants and other members present at the valedictory function. Dr H B Vasistha, Course Director gave the overview of training programme.

Dr Savita addressed the participants and other officers as chief guest of valedictory function of this training course. She emphasized that participants had now more understanding and the practical knowledge of rehabilitation of the mined degraded areas. She stressed that this is the beginning of the



work and it is a need of today that scientists and mining engineers should work together to meet the challenges. She further emphasized that mitigation measures are the best option to cope up this situation. She concluded with

the line of Wordsworth's poem "Miles to go before I sleep". The chief guest distributed the certificates to the participants. Raj Kumar Senior Manager (EM) presented the vote of thanks on behalf of the participants. At the end,

Dr Mridula Negi proposed vote of thanks. On the occasion, Dr Laxmi Rawat, Scientist-F and Dr Pramod Kumar, Scientist-D, other staff and research scholars of Ecology Environment Division were present.

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Training workshop under way at the Forest Research Institute in Dehradun on Sunday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Workshop at FRI concludes

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DEHRADUN, MARCH 20

A short-term training programme on "Ecological restoration of mined lands", conducted by Forest Research Institute (FRI) for the officers and executives of Bharat Coal India Limited concluded here today.

Dr Savita, Director, FRI, was the chief guest at the closing ceremony.

Dr Mridula Negi, scientist, Ecology and Environment Division, welcomed the chief guest, participants and other members present at the valedictory function.

Dr HB Vasistha, Course Director, gave an overview of the training programme.

Dr Savita, while addressing the gathering, emphasised that participants now had more understanding and practical knowledge of rehabilitation of the mined

degraded areas. She stressed that it was just the beginning. It was the need of the day that scientists and mining engineers worked together to meet the challenges of the degrading environment. She further emphasised that mitigation measures were the best option to cope up with the situation and hoped that from this training, they would be able to rehabilitate their coal mining areas scientifically. The director concluded with a line of Wordsworth's poem "Miles to go before I sleep".

The chief guest also gave away certificates to the participants.

Dr Laxmi Rawat, scientist-F, and Dr Pramod Kumar, scientist-D, other staff and research scholars of Ecology Environment Division attended the valedictory function of the week-long event.

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'Tackling challenges posed by mining need of hour'



FRI director Savita speaks at the valedictory function at FRI
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The scientists and mining engineers need to work together for tackling the challenges posed by ecological damage and other aspects of mining activities. The Director of Forest Research Institute (FRI), Savita said this at the valedictory function of a week-long short-term training programme on ecological restoration of mined lands.

Addressing the participants on the occasion, the institute director said that now with more understanding and the practical knowledge of rehabilitation of the mined

degraded areas, those who had undergone the training could do the needful more effectively towards facilitating the ecological restoration of mined areas. Stating that this was only the beginning of work towards the direction, the FRI director stressed that the need of the day is that members of the scientific fraternity and mining engineers should work together to meet the challenges posed by the repercussions of the detrimental effects of mining. She further emphasised that mitigation measures are the best option available for coping with the situation of ecological damage wreaked by

mining activities.

The director further expressed the hope that equipped with the knowledge they had gained in the training programme, the officials would now be able to work more efficiently in scientific manner towards achievement of the rehabilitation of areas affected by the mining for coal. Savita also distributed certificates to the participants in the programme.

The institute's Forest Ecology and Environment division scientist Mridula Negi, course director Dr HB Vasistha and senior manager Raj Kumar were also among those who spoke on the occasion.

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