

**REPORT ON TRAINING PROGRAMME TO FARMERS ON
“TREE CULTIVATION AND MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES”**

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As a part of training program series, Forest Economics and Extension Division of Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding has organised one day farmers training programme at Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Tindivanam, Villupuram District of Tamil Nadu on “Tree cultivation and Management techniques” on 05.01.2017. A total of 752 participants were registered. The participants include Tree growers, Progressive farmers, Farmer discussion groups, Tree Grower Associations, Private Nurseries etc.

Shri.S.Senthilkumar IFS, Head of Forest Economics & Extension Division, welcomed the gathering and gave an overview of the training programme. Shri R. S. Prashanth, IFS, Director, IFGTB, in his presidential address, informed that our institute has been giving technical support and superior planting materials to the tree growers and they should make full use of the training programme, which is being organised in their region. Felicitations were given by Dr.S.Sheeba, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Tindivanam, Dr.R.Vaidyanathan, Professor & Head, Oil Seeds Research Station, Tindivanam and Mrs.Manimozhi, Deputy Director of Horticulture, Villupuram Dt. The Chief Guest of the Day, Dr.P.Devaraj IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests and Managing Director, Puducherry Road Transport Corporation delivered the inaugural address. He pointed out that the overwhelming response and the house full of participants is an indicator of interest on tree cultivation shown by the farmers of this region. A technical bulletin on Cadamba by Dr.A.Vijayaragavan was released by the chief guest. The inauguration ended with a vote of thanks by Dr.C.Buvaswaran Scientist -F.

During the technical session, the following lectures were given by the Scientists of IFGTB. 1. Cultivation of Casuarina– Dr.A.Nicodemus, Scientist-F 2. Cultivation of Teak – Dr.C.Buvaswaran 3.Cultivation of Eucalyptus –Dr.V.Sivakumar, Scientist-F 4. Cultivation of Gmelina- Dr.A.Mayavel- Scientist-C 5. Cultivation of Ailanthus – Dr.D.Raja Suguna Sekar 6. Cultivation of Cadamba – Dr. A. Vijayaragavan 7. Timber Transit rules – Shri.P.Kathirvel IFS, 8. Cultivation of Red Sanders- Dr.Maheswar Hegde, 9. Pest management – Dr.A.Balu 10. Disease management – Dr.V.Mohan.

The concluding session was constructive and the participants got their doubts clarified. Farmers’ representatives appreciated the consistent support of IFGTB in all the possible ways for tree cultivation.

The training workshop was coordinated and organised by Dr S.Saravanan, Scientist E. An exhibition counter for publications and products of IFGTB was managed by Sri.R.Velumani, RA II. Sri.P.Chandrasekaran, Research Officer, Extension wing compered and facilitated the programme. Farmers representatives proposed the vote of thanks for organising a training programme on tree cultivation for their region.







