

Note on Webinar on “The Path Ahead for Silviculture Research in important tree species” organized by IFGTB

The Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore organized **Webinar on “The Path Ahead for Silviculture Research in important tree species”** for researchers working in the field of Silviculture across the country on 28th January 2021. The aim of the Webinar was to recap the research in Silviculture and also to deliberate on future research needs and in turn to arrive at the path ahead for Silviculture Research in important tree species. About 50 participants attended the Webinar programme. Shri. S. Senthilkumar, IFS, Group- Co-ordinator (Research) of IFGTB welcomed the participants. Sh. G. Rajesh, IFS, Head, Extension Division, IFGTB gave a brief introduction about the Webinar. Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Director, IFGTB delivered the inaugural address who also released three products developed by IFGTB viz. i) A farmer’s friendly **Mobile App “Wood Yield Calculator”** for estimating yield in the plantations of *Melia dubia*, ii) **“DYECOP face mask”** – a plain weaved cotton, dyed with the extract of Eucalyptus leaves along with natural mordants like Myrobalan, Aloe vera, Turmeric & Pomegranate peel and iii) **“IFGTB – Seed Cake Mix”** for making Seed balls which can be used for direct dibbling, broadcasting, aerial seeding, protection against of seeds against pathogens and pests. Dr. C. Buvaneswaran, Scientist-F and Webinar Coordinator presented on the highlights of Silviculture Research at IFGTB. The resource persons were i) Dr. K. C. Chacko, Project Regional Director, NMPB Regional-cum-Facilitation Centre – Southern Region, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi ii) Sh. Jagdish Chander, IFS, PCCF-cum- Managing Director, Haryana Forest Development Corporation, Panchkula, Haryana, iii) Dr. A. Balasubramanian, Professor and Head, Department of Silviculture, Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam and iv) Dr. Menason Isac, Group Research & Development Manager, Miro Forestry and Timber Products, The Republic of Ghana. The topics deliberated were on i) "The Path Ahead for Silviculture Research for Important Tree Species", ii) An Overview and future needs on Silviculture Research for SFDs, iii) Precision Silvicultural Practices for Forestry Plantations in Farmlands and iv) Modern Silvicultural Practices for Forestry Plantations in Ghana. The webinar paved way to synthesize the past work done in the subject of Silviculture at IFGTB and also to draw a roadmap for future Silviculture Research at IFGTB and also in other ICFRE Institutes. Dr. C. Buvaneswaran, Webinar coordinator presented vote of thanks.



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Inaugural address by Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Director, IFGTB