



IFGTB Extension Series Meeting: 1 2017-18

## **EUCALYPTS GROWING Vs. MOISTURE DRAINING: *COMPREHENDING PERCEPTIONS & FIELD REALITIES***

**Venue: IFGTB, Coimbatore,  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017**

In accordance to FAO, currently India is the second largest eucalypt grower in the world. This reality is indeed due to the advent of 1988 National Forest Policy. It rightly goaded our Nation to grow trees outside forests in order to meet its demands. The policy has safely delivered the Nation in conserving the native forests and in successfully provisioning industrial resources through man-made forests. At present, the eucalypt farming sector in the country is the major raw material contributor to paper, pulp, board, ply, particle board, minor timber, support frames, charcoal and energy industries. The grower, supplier and user network and connectivity are well standardised. Every year Eucalypt farming substantially contributes to the GDP of the nation in the field of Agri-farm sector. Most importantly, support millions of livelihoods is intrinsically connected to this sector. Any change to the rhythm of the said system would definitely implicate socially and economically. In this connection a technical discussion is being held at IFGTB to the benefit eucalypt growing stake holders.

### **Agenda**

In the recent past, growing exotic trees is perceived to have negative implications. Several media reports are available to the public on this issue. However, the veracity of the information is certainly debatable. This scenario deserves both our attention and intervention to provide scientific realms of eucalypt farming to stake holders, particularly public. This meeting will collect and collate information on how productivity is governed and deployed by farm and industrial forestry grown eucalypts. The meet anticipates providing scientific inputs to the policy makers and the legal framework supporting farm forestry.

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<b>09 45 - 09 50</b>	<b>Welcome Address by Dr.A.Shanthi</b>
<b>09 50 - 1000</b>	Introduction <b>Sh.R.S.Prashanth IFS, Director, IFGTB</b>
<b>10 00 - 1010</b>	Preamble to the Theme <b>Dr.B.Nagarajan, IFGTB</b>
<b>10 10 - 1020</b>	Presentation by Messrs.TNPL: <b>Dr.K.Chezhan</b>
<b>10 20 - 1030</b>	Presentation by Messrs.ITC., <b>Dr.C.Kamalakaran</b>
<b>10 30 - 1040</b>	Presentation by Messrs SPB Mills : <b>Dr.Sivakumar</b>
<b>10 40 – 10 50</b>	Presentation by Messrs <b>T AFCORN &amp; TNFD</b>
<b>10 50 – 11 50</b>	Presentation by <b>Dr.Jose Kallarackal, Scientist Emeritus, Kerala Forest Research Institute,</b>
<b>11 50 - 13 00</b>	<b>Group Discussion</b>
<b>13 00 - 13 05</b>	Vote of Thanks <b>Dr.S.Murugesan, GCR, IFGTB</b>
<b>13 30 – 14 30</b>	<b>Working Lunch at Van Vihar Rest House</b>