

Dr. Sugato Dutt, I.F.S from Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission visited IFGTB

Dr. Sugato Dutt, I.F.S., Head, Land Division, Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission made an official visit on 19.07.2013 to interact with officials of IFGTB and to review the project titled 'Development of Integrated Dry Land Agroforestry systems in Tamil Nadu' funded by Tamil Nadu State Land Use Research Board of State Planning Commission. Dr. N. Krishna Kumar, I.F.S., Director, IFGTB welcomed the officials and Dr. B. Gurudev Singh, Head of Genetics and Tree Breeding Division made a presentation on research programmes and achievements of IFGTB. This was followed by briefing on Forest Genetics Resources Management Network was done by the Director. Dr. C. Buvaneswaran, Scientist-E presented the progress made in the project funded by State Planning Commission. Dr. Sugato Dutt, I.F.S., Head, Land Division appreciated the achievements made by IFGTB and opined that there is greater scope for scaling up the technologies and products through support from Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission. Dr. Sugato Dutt also suggested that the beneficiaries from rural community who are benefitted from IFGTB initiatives may be invited to share their experiences and success stories to enlighten the State Planning Commission. During lab visits, Dr. Sugato Dutt, shri. T. P. Raghunath, I.F.S., Group Co-ordinator (Research) and Dr. S. Murugesan, Head, Bio-prospecting Division of IFGTB explored the possible areas of interactions of IFGTB and State Planning Commission particularly in the fields of Non-Timber Forest Products and Bio-prospecting of forest products relating to livelihoods of tribal and rural community.

