

## **Establishment of Teak Multiplication Centre and the VMG for production of quality planting material.**

For production of quality planting material of teak through clonal technology, Teak Vegetative Multiplication Garden (VMG) and the shade house with the mist chambers, hardening chamber and the office building were inaugurated on 19.07.2013 at Walayar, Kerala, by Shri. D.K. Verma, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Northern Region, Calicut, Kerala, in the presence of Dr. N. Krishnakumar, IFS, Director, IFGTB, Shri. T. P. Raghunath, IFS, GCR, Shri. R.S. Prashanth, IFS, Head, FLUCC division, Shri. Shri Sasidharan, Chief Conservator of Forests, Shri Sudhir, DFO, Palakkad and all the Head of the Departments of IFGTB.

From the newly established teak multiplication centre and the VMG, superior germplasms will be assembled from Southern India and scaling up the clonal production of teak from the VMG and the teak seedlings raised from the quality seeds collected from the seed orchards and the seed production areas. Through these facilities, IFGTB will provide superior planting materials of teak and other important species like *Swietenia macrophylla*, *Ailanthus triphysa*, *Callophyllum innophyllum*, *Santalum album*, etc. to farmers to expand the Direct to Consumer efforts of ICFRE.



Inauguration of the new facilities by Shri. D.K. Verma, I.F.S.



Inauguration of the shade house and mist chamber in the teak multiplication centre by the chief guest.



Planting of superior teak clones in the teak VMG.



Briefing on the teak multiplication garden and the VMG to the press and the officials from the Kerala Forest Department by Shri. R.S. Prashanth, IFS, HOD, FLUCC division, IFGTB.