

**REPORT ON Dr. S. KEDHARNATH MEMORIAL LECTURE (KML-2015)
INSTITUTE OF FOREST GENETICS AND TREE BREEDING, COIMBATORE**

The 3rd edition of Dr.S.Kedharnath Memorial Lecture (KML-2015) was conducted in IFGTB, Coimbatore, on 31st August 2015. A total number of about 140 participants attended the programme. The participants included the faculty members and students from institutions like Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, Forest College and Research Institute (FC&RI), Mettupalayam, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Nirmala College, Coimbatore, Govt. Arts College, Coimbatore; Head of Office, Scientists and Staffs from Botanical Survey of India (BSI), Coimbatore, Scientists from Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Anaikatti, Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Ltd. (TNPL) and Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute (IPIRTI), Bangalore, apart from the Officers, Scientists, Staffs and Research Scholars of IFGTB. Shri K. Rajnath and Smt. Pushpa Rajnath, the son and daughter-in-law of Dr. S. Kedharnath respectively were also present during the occasion.

The programme was started with an invocation by Dr. Kannan C.S.Warrier. Dr. B. Gurudev Singh, Group Co-ordinator (Research) welcomed the gathering. Shri R. S. Prasanth, IFS, Director of IFGTB gave an introduction about Dr. S. Kedharnath Memorial Lecture. Dr. B. Nagarajan, the Organizing Secretary of KML-2015 gave an overview of the pioneering contributions made by Dr. S. Kedharnath to Forest Genetics and Tree Improvement Research in India. Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore delivered the 3rd edition of Dr. S. Kedharnath Memorial Lecture on the topic “***Dichotomy in Plant Breeding: Diversity and Uniformity***”.

The lecture session was very interesting, informative and interactive. The audience, particularly the students raised many queries and showed keen interest to clarify several points. The programme was concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. K. R. Sasidharan, Scientist of IFGTB.



Invocation by Dr. Kannan C. S. Warriar



Welcome address by Dr. B. Gurudev Singh



Address by Shri. R.S. Prasanth



Address by Dr. B. Nagarajan



Dr. M. Maheswaran addressing the gathering



Dr. M. Maheswaran delivering the Memorial Lecture



View of the audience



Interaction with audience



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Vote of thanks by Dr. K.R. Sasidharan



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