

## WORKSHOP ON CPT SELECTION IN *ANOGEISSUS ACUMINATA* (PHASI)

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Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi organized a One Day Workshop on Candidate Plus Tree Selection in *Anogeissus acuminata* on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at Bhubaneswar (Odisha). The Workshop was conducted under the recently initiated project on “Silvicultural Studies of Phasi (*Anogeissus acuminata* (Roxb. ex DC.) Guill. & Perr.) in Odisha” funded by Orissa Forestry Sector Development Project, Bhubaneswar.



*Anogeissus acuminata* locally called as phasi is one the important tree species associated with socio-cultural and religious milieu of Odisha as the wood of the tree is utilized in making chariot wheels of Lord Jagganatha for use in famous ratha yatra. No Candidate Plus Tree (CPT) of Phasi has yet been identified in Orissa. Identification of CPTs and their maintenance are very essential for collection of high quality plant propagules required for enhancing productivity of Phasi plantations. Therefore, identification and maintenance CPTs of Phasi for improvement of planting stock is one the major objective of the project.

The Workshop was attended by a number of State Forest department Officials and technical staff implementing the project in the State along with Sh. Vinod Kumar, Project Director, OFSDP; Sh. – Joint Project Director; Sh. Das, Silviculturist, Sh. P. C. Mishra etc.



At the outset Dr. Sanjay Singh, Scientist & Principal Investigator welcomed the participants and briefly explained the motive of the Workshop. He also appraised about the progress made in the project since signing of MOU between IFP Ranchi and OFSDP Bhubaneswar. It was followed by presentation of Dr. A. Sinha, Head Genetics Division, IFP, Ranchi on 'General Guidelines for selection of CPTs / PTS'.

Dr. A. K. Mandal, Scientist - G, IFP, Ranchi made a detailed presentation on 'Selection of CPTs in *Anogeissus acuminata* and general guidelines for initiation of tree improvement Programme'. The mode of the Workshop was interactive and the participants exchanged their views on the subjects. Subsequently in the Panel Discussion the procedure proposed by the Institute was accepted by the OFSDP, Bhubaneswar. It was also decided that some 'early selections' should also be made in the plantations established under the 'Jagganath Van Prakalp' Scheme of the Odisha Forest Department.