

Dr. S. Nagrajan visits SPAs of M.P and National Germplasm Bank of Teak at Chandrapur



Dr. S. Nagrajan, Chair of excellence, Forest Genetic Resources Management (FGRMN) visited the promising teak areas of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra from 14.03.2013 to 16.03.2013 along with Dr. Yogeshwar Mishra, Scientist-E & Head, Genetics & Plant Propagation Division and Mr. N. Virutkar, Tropical Forest

Research Institute, Jabalpur and Mr. Dominic Savio, Scientist-D, Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore. During the tour Dr. Nagrajan monitored the sites of Seed Podcution Areas (SPA) at Rukhad and Kurai Forest Range fall under Seoni Forest Division developed by State Forest Department with the assistance of State Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur. During the visit Dr. Nagrajan was informed that some part of Kurai range are proposed to be transferred under buffer zone of PENCH National Park, which may be resulted in low collection of teak seed.



At Chandrapur Mr. Latpate, Conservator of Forests and Silviculturist of Maharashtra escorted the team for visit

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National Germplasm Bank of teak at Lohara. Dr. Nagrajan was amazed to have the look of such a largest collection of germplasm at Lohara nursery, which comprises the collection of 259 germplasm across the country.

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Nagrajan suggested the field personnel to

critically analyse the data collected so far. Mr. N. Virutkar informed that some progeny trials have also been raised up by the department at Mohgatta at Bhandara and Nasik. Dr. Nagrajan was surprised to know that such national asset in the form of germplasm bank has never been paid much attention at national level so far. He assured that such marathon effort could not go in vain and our forest policy maker will certainly visit this area. Besides, he ensured that due credit should be given to the department before any planning is undertaken to develop Forest Genetic

Management in Central India. He

added that no constraint will be allowed to remain the germplasm bank in its present shape including fund and other logistic support. The germplasm bank of teak will definitely



benefit the country man, policy maker

researcher for augmenting teak forest areas in the

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