

REPORT ON
STAKEHOLDERS WORKSHOP 2022
“FORESTRY RESEARCH PRIORITISATION WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON
AGROFORESTRY”

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ICFRE prioritizes forestry research including agro forestry with a focus on stakeholders perspectives and disseminating the research results to all stakeholders. In the 28th ICFRE Society meeting held at ICFRE, Dehradun, Honorable Minister MoEF & CC Shri. Bhupendar Yadav, emphasized the importance of convening a stakeholders workshop with state forest departments, wood based industries, farmers, tribal communities, and other user groups to deliberate on research prioritization with a special focus on agro forestry. In this background, IFGTB has organized a one-day Stakeholders Workshop on “*Forestry research prioritization with special emphasis on Agroforestry*” on 14th June 2022 (Tuesday).

The workshop was held in offline & online (CISCO Webex) mode for larger participation of the stakeholders. The stakeholders’ workshop served as an integration platform for State Forest Departments, Tree Growers, Scientists, research institutions, Wood based industries, Scientists of KVKs in Tamil Nadu, NGOs and tribal communities to voice out their needs and equip the tree growers with the right information.

State Forest Departments of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andaman & Nicobar Islands, State Planning Commission, Tamil Nadu, Industrial partners viz., Tamil Nadu Newsprint & Papers Limited (TNPL), Seshasayee Paper & Boards Ltd., Erode, ICAR - Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Port Blair , KVKs viz., MYRADA ICAR KVK, Gobichettipalayam, KVK Dindigul & Avinashilingam KVK Karamadai, Tribal Welfare Organisation, Senkuttai Hamlet in Coimbatore Dt., Coimbatore Tree Growers Association, the NGOs viz., Pasumai Farmers Producers Organisation (FPO), Vanam India Foundation, Palladam, Isha Outreach, Coimbatore, VETRY, Tiruppur and IFGTB contributed their technical inputs on Forestry research prioritization on Agroforestry. The Stakeholder workshop was organized as part of observance of “*Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav - 2022*”. Overwhelmingly 77 participants both offline and online participated for sharing their inputs. The feedback received will be consolidated for preparation of recommendations as an output of the workshop.

In the inaugural session, Dr. S. Saravanan, Scientist F & Head, Extension, IFGTB welcomed the guests and gathering. Dr. C. Buvanewaran, Scientist G & Head, SFM division gave a broad outline of workshop, its objective and expected outcome of the workshop.

Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Director IFGTB presided over the inaugural session of the Stakeholders Workshop and outlined the research initiatives taken up in the Agroforestry by IFGTB. The strategies identified and adopted for research extension and dissemination was highlighted.

An exclusive consultation and feedback sessions was organized. The delegates included, Shri. I. Anwardeen, IFS, APCCF (Working Plan), Tamil Nadu Forest Dept., Dr. K. Ravichandran, IFS, APCCF, CRZ&FC, A&N Islands, Shri. Pramod G. Krishnan, APCCF, Kerala Forest Dept., Smt. S. Sudha, IFS, Head (Land Use), State Planning Commission, Chennai, Dr. K. T. Parthiban, Dean (Forestry), Forest College & Research Inst., Mettupalayam, Dr. Shyam Viswanath, Director, KFRI, Kerala, Dr. N. Kempu Chetty, Director, Vanavarayar Institute of Agriculture, Pollachi, Dr. V. Jamaludeen, Professor, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Dr. N. Anadaraja, Asst. Professor & Nodal Officer KVK, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Coimbatore, Dr. I. Jaishankar, Sr. Scientist, CARI-ICAR, A&N Islands, Shri.G.Ravi, Asst.General Manager, TNPL, Karur, Shri. Sivakumar, Manager, Seshasayee Paper & Boards Ltd, Erode, Tribal Welfare Association members from Senkuttai Hamlet, Coimbatore, Shri. P. P. Saravanan, Prog.Co-ordinator, KVK Dindigul, Dr. P. Alagesan, Sr.Scientist & Head, ICAR KVK MYRADA, Gobichettipalayam, Dr. Kumaravadivelu, Sr.Scientist & Head, Avinashilingam KVK Karamadai, NGOs Pasumai Farmers Producers Organization (FPO), Vanam India Foundation, Palladam, Shri. Anand Ethirajalu, Project Director, Isha Outreach, Coimbatore, Shri. T. R. Sivaraman, President, VETRY, Tirupur, President & Secretary, Tree Growers Association, Coimbatore participated. Dr. B. Nagarajan, Scientist G, IFGTB, Dr.Buvanewaran, Scientist G & Dr.S.Saravanan, Scientist F took part in lead discussions for drafting the strategies and recommendations of the workshop. Smt. R. G. Anithaa, Tech. Officer presented the event and proposed the vote of thanks.

DIRECTOR, IFGTB



Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Director, IFGTB during his remarks



Dr.S.Saravanan, Scientist & Head, Extension during his speech



State Forest Department participation



Research Institutions participation



Tree Growers Association



Farmers Producers Organisation



Wood based Industries



Members from Tribal Welfare Organisation



Program Co-ordinator KVKS



NGO`s



Discussions & Feedback