



Pre-release Stakeholder's Consultation Meet

on

Forest Soil Health Cards of Tamil Nadu

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**ICFRE - Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding,
Coimbatore**

ICFRE-Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore organized a Pre-release Stakeholder's Consultation Meet on Forest Soil Health Cards of Tamil Nadu with the officials of Tamil Nadu Forest Department at the PCCF Office, Chennai on 28.08.2023 under the All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP-22) on, 'Preparation of Forest Soil Health Cards under different Forest Vegetation's in all the Forest Divisions of India'. The meeting aimed to discuss Forest Soil Health Cards (FSHC) containing twelve important soil properties, their status and recommendations prepared by ICFRE-IFGTB for 28 Territorial Forest Divisions of Tamil Nadu. The Forest Soil Health Cards will serve as baseline information for on forest soils in Tamil Nadu and address soil fertility related constraints.

Shri. Vijendra Singh Malik, PCCF (Working Plan), Tamil Nadu Forest Department, Chaired the meeting and complimented the efforts undertaken by ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore in preparing the FSHC of Tamil Nadu state. Dr. A. C. Surya Prabha, Scientist-D & Principal Investigator of the project welcomed the distinguished guests and briefed on the importance of the meeting. Dr. Vijender Panwar, Scientist-F and National project coordinator presented briefly about the nationally uniform methodology adopted to estimate soil parameters under the project. Dr. A. C. Surya Prabha, Scientist-D & Principal Investigator made a detailed presentation on the status of soil properties in the territorial forest divisions of Tamil Nadu. She informed that soil samples were collected from 482 sampling points for preparing FSHC of 28 territorial forest divisions of Tamil Nadu. In her

detailed presentation, she deliberated the findings and recommendations prepared by ICFRE-IFGTB.

The meeting was attended by all Circle level officers, Working Plan officers , District Forest Officers from the Tamil Nadu Forest Department and Principal Investigators of all ICFRE Institutes in hybrid mode.





