

Report on visit of Forest Guards trainees to ICFRE-IFGTB on 13.03.2024

As a part of the training programme, 60 Forest Guard trainees from Forest Training School, Vaigai Dam, Madurai, visited ICFRE-IFGTB on 13.03.2024. Dr. S. Saravanan, Scientist-F and Head, Extension welcomed the trainees and explained about the institute research activities including ICFRE and IFGTB extension outreach programmes for the benefit of various stakeholders.



Later on the trainees were taken to Clonal Multiplication Garden and Smt. Shanthi, CTO explained in detail about what is clonal technology and how Casuarina, Eucalyptus and other soft wood trees are being multiplied in large number. She explained the advantages of root trainer over poly bags in clonal technology





Smt. Shanthi, CTO explained about the Vegetative Multiplication Garden and different steps involved in clonal technology being involved in *Casuarina*, *Eucalyptus*, *Melia*, *Cadamba*, *Ailanthus*, etc.

Later on, the trainees were exposed to TC-Teak, recently released by ICFRE-IFGTB for fast growth and higher productivity. Smt. Shanthi explained about the advantage of TC-Teak viz., fast growth, clear bole, short rotation, higher productivity, etc. compared to seed origin.

