

## **A report National Workshop on Tree Improvement**

Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) organised a National Workshop on Tree Improvement at ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2024. Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh, Government of India, inaugurated the workshop and released a book on breeding plan for 18 important tree species of India including Teak, Sal, Sandal, Red Sanders, Gamhar, Deodar, Chironji, Rosewood, Shisham, Gora Neem, Marwar Teak, Mahua, Agarwood, Neem, Guggul, Casuarina, Eucalyptus and Corymbias for discussion during the workshop. About 100 delegates participated in the workshop which includes 15 delegates from SFDs (Tamilnadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Manipur, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir), MoEF&CC organizations like CASFOS, Coimbatore, WII (SACON), Anaikatty, Coimbatore and Botanical Survey of India, Coimbatore, 17 delegates from 11 State Agricultural Universities (Indira Gandhi Agri University, Raipur, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Srinagar, Punjab Agri. Univ. Ludhiana, Birsa Agri. Univ, Ranchi, Dr Y S Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan, Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology, Bhubaneswar, College of Forestry, Ponnampet, Forest College and Research Institute, Hyderabad, Forest College and Research Institute (TNAU), Mettupalayam, College of Horticulture and Forestry, Pasighat, College of Forestry (Kerala Agri. University), Vellanikkara, four other research institutions (Kerala Forest Res. Institute, Peechi, Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal, NBPGR, New Delhi, Sugarcane Research Station, Trichy), 28 delegates from ICFRE institutes (FRI, AFRI, HFRI, TFRI, RFRI, IFB, IFP and IWST) and 32 delegates from ICFRE-IFGTB. Hon'ble Minister felicitated the quality planting stock producers viz., Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Ltd., H U Gugle Biotech, Bangalore and Pothigai Wood Décor LLB, Trichy and progressive farmers for introducing new improved clonal varieties of Teak to Shri Prem Raj Jain from Raipur, Casuarina to Shri S Bhaskaran, Casuarina Windbreak to Shri. Krishnamurthy, Tirupur and Eucalyptus to Subramani, Erode.



Hon'ble Minister Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh giving inaugural address



Dignitaries on the dais are Dr. Rajesh Sharma, DDG (Research), ICFRE, Smt. Kanchan Devi, IFS, DG (ICFRE), Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of state, MoEF & CC and Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Director (ICFRE-IFGTB) (from left to right).



Participants of the workshop during inauguration



Release of the Draft Breeding Plan by Honorable Minister



Release of documentary on Arbor Easy – DNA isolation Kit by Honorable Minister