



## **Inauguration of Planting at D.Gudalur, Demo Village under CAMPA Extension**

**Date: 16.10.2024**

**Venue: Village Community Land,  
Madayappanaickenpatty, D.Gudalur Village, Dindigul Dt.**

ICFRE-Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore and the Gudalur Village Panchayat, Dindigul Dt., jointly organized the inauguration of the planting at Demo Village (DV).

D.Gudalur, a village in Dindigul Dt., Tamil Nadu was selected by ICFRE- IFGTB as Demo Village (DV) for implementing project activities under CAMPA Extension. After conducting several meetings with local farmers, Forest department and elected representatives of the D.Gudalur Panchayat, an exposure visit for villagers was arranged to ICFRE-IFGTB to understand the research and extension activities of the ICFRE-IFGTB on 06.03.2024. Based on the resolution of the local Panchayat and need assessments by ICFRE-IFGTB team, this village was selected as DV under CAMPA Extension. Consequently, it was decided to plant various tree species viz., Teak, Red Sanders, Casuarina, Eucalyptus, Gmelina and Mahogany in the village as Agroforestry models and bund planting.

This part of the country, i.e. Tamilnadu receive rain during North East Monsoon Season. As welcoming event of the monsoon, ICFRE-IFGTB initiated the planting activity during this monsoon season on 16.10.2024 at Madayappanaickenpatty hamlet of D.Gudalur village.

Dr.C.Kunhikannan, Director, ICFRE-IFGTB inaugurated the planting activity by planting a *Terminalia arjuna* sapling in the community land of the village, in the presence of Smt.Shanthi Gopal, President, Smt.M.Jothimani, Secretary of Gudalur Panchayat. Shri.G.R.Madhavaraj, IFS, DCF, Shri. P. Chandrasekaran, CTO from ICFRE- IFGTB, Progressive farmers, Office bearers of Panchayat, representative from SFD and Nursery workers participated in the planting activity.

About, 1800 seedlings of selected tree species from ICFRE-IFGTB have been supplied to farmers for planting in their farm lands. Posters on package of practices of important Tree species and ICFRE - IFGTB publications were given to the village library for the benefit of farmers.

Later, Director, ICFRE - IFGTB visited the multispecies community plantations raised in the village with the support of various organizations and the waste compost unit functioning in the village. Necessary suggestions were given on collection of plastic wastes. Villagers thanked the Director for choosing their village as DV and requested ICFRE-IFGTB to provide a *water tanker vehicle* for watering the plants during summer months. Director mentioned that the demand can be considered after assessing the fund provision in the DV component.

This activity was organized under DV, CAMPA-Extension.

DIRECTOR  
ICFRE-IFGTB



Dr.C.Kunhikannan, Director, ICFRE-IFGTB inaugurated the Monsoon season planting at Community lands of Madayappanaicken patty hamlet, D.Gudalur Panchayat, Dindigul Dt.



Planting by Smt.Shanthi Gopal, President & Smt.Jothimani, Secretary of Gudalur Panchayat

Planting by Shri. R. Govindarajan, Local Progressive farmer



Planting by Shri.G.R.Madhavaraj IFS, DCF ICFRE-IFGTB

Planting by Shri.P.Chandrasekaran, CTO, ICFRE-IFGTB



Dr.C.Kunhikannan, Director, ICFRE-IFGTB visited the multispecies community plantations raised under various projects in the village.