

**REPORT ON REGIONAL FARMERS MELA ON**  
**“TREE CULTIVATION AND MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES”**  
at AC & RI, KILLIKULAM, 22 February 2017

Extension Wing of Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding has organised one day farmers Mela on “Tree cultivation and Management techniques” at Agriculture College and Research Institute, Killikulam (AC&RI), Tuticorin District of Tamilnadu on 22.02.2017. Around 900 participants mainly from Southern districts of Tamilnadu participated in the workshop. The participants include Tree growers, Medicinal plant exporters, members of Women Self Help Group, Green movement volunteers, Tree Grower Associations and Private Nursery Managers.

Dr. S. Saravanan, Scientist-E welcomed the gathering. Shri.S.Senthilkumar IFS, Head of Forest Economics & Extension Division, gave an overview of the training programme. Dr. A. Velayutham, Professor & Head, Department of Farm Management delivered his Key note address. The Chief Guest of the Day, Dr. V. Subramanian, Dean, Agriculture College and Research Institute, Killikulam inaugurated the training programme and delivered the inaugural address. An exhibition on ‘Tree cultivation Techniques’ was also conducted as a part of training programme. Clones of important forest tree crops released by IFGTB, Planting materials of high yielding varieties, bio products, inoculants and formulations developed by IFGTB, ICFRE/IFGTB publications were also displayed.

During the technical session, the following lectures were given by the subject experts of IFGTB:- Cultivation of Teak- Dr. Rekha Warrier, Scientist-E ; Cultivation of Ailanthus –Dr. D. Raja Suguna Sekar, Scientist-E; Cultivation of Casuarina– Dr. A. Mayavel, Scientist-D; Wind Break system using Casuarina– Dr. C. Buvaneswaran, Scientist-F ; Cultivation of Melia- Dr. Rekha Warrier; Cultivation of Gmelina- Dr. A. Mayavel ; Pest and Disease management – Dr. V. Mohan, Scientist-G; Cultivation of Eucalyptus and Timber Transit rules – Dr. S. Saravanan, Scientist-E.

The concluding session was purposeful and the participants got their doubts clarified. Participants appreciated the consistent support of IFGTB for tree growers.

Sri. P. Chandrasekaran, Research Officer, Extension wing presented the programme. Farmers’ representatives thanked IFGTB for organising the training programme on tree cultivation for their region.





