

ICFRE-Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding receiving ‘Best Collaboration in Research Activities – 2023-24’ from Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening programme & Climate Change Response (TNFD)

ICFRE-Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore received memento of appreciation from Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening programme & Climate Change Response (TNFD) for **“Best Collaborator in Research Activities”** during the year 2023-24. The memento was presented by Dr. P. Senthil Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Tamil Nadu, during the TBGPCCR state level workshop on ‘Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Development’ on 30-31, July, 2024, held at CASFOS, Coimbatore. ICFRE-IFGTB collaborated with TBGPCCR, TNFD in research projects and capacity building to staff of TNFD officials.

During the programme, Dr. P. Senthil Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Tamil Nadu, released a book on **‘Tree species suitable for Agroforestry systems in Tamil Nadu’**. The book was prepared and compiled by ICFRE-IFGTB for the benefit of tree growers of Tamil Nadu. During the programme, Dr Sudhanshu Gupta, IFS, PCCF & HoFF, Shri. Srinivas R. Reddy, IFS, PCCF and Chief Wildlife Warden, Shri. I. Anwardeen, IFS, PCCF and CPD, TBGPCCR were present.

About the book on ‘Tree species suitable for Agroforestry systems in Tamil Nadu’

ICFRE-Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, compiled a book on ‘Tree Species Suitable for Agroforestry Systems in Tamil Nadu’. This book contains the complete information on particular tree species, weather and climatic condition for better growth, seed processing and germination techniques, quality seedling production, planting technique including spacing, weeding, irrigation pattern, fertilizer application, pest and disease control, growth and yield for economically important tree species *viz.*, Casuarina, Sandal, Teak, Red Sanders, Mahogany, Ailanthus, Gmelina, etc. Senior scientists of ICFRE-IFGTB shared the tree species details for compilation of this book. Also, included one special chapter on major pest and diseases symptoms and control measures in nursery and plantation. As per the special request from Tamil Nadu Biodiversity and Greening Programme, TNFD this publication was brought out and this book will be very much useful for the tree growers and the staff of TNFD who are involving in establishment of agroforestry systems in farmers field.

