

**NETWORKING OF VVK WITH KVK**  
**(AN ACTIVITY UNDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ICFRE & ICAR)**

**REPORT ON**  
**ONE DAY TRAINING CUM DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME ON**  
**“KADAMBA BASED AGRO FORESTRY SYSTEM”**  
**FOR TREE GROWERS**

**INSTITUTE OF FOREST GENETICS & TREE BREEDING, COIMBATORE &**  
**ICAR-KVK MYRADA, ERODE**

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Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE) and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) had signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote and accelerate the progress of research and training in various disciplines of agricultural and forestry research and education through execution of a mutually agreed Work Plan. An MoU was signed during 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 between IFGTB & ICAR KVK MYRADA, Gobichettipalayam, Erode for establishment of new Van Vigyan Kendra (VVK) at Arepalayam station of ICAR-KVK MYRADA, Gobichettipalayam in Erode district of Tamil Nadu. As follow up to the work plan; and as per the framework in the Biennial action plan, Van Vigyan Kendra (VVK), Coimbatore of IFGTB in collaboration with ICAR-KVK, MYRADA, Gobichettipalayam, Erode District had organized training cum demonstration for Tree Growers on “*Kadamba based Agro forestry System*”.

*The Training cum demonstration for tree growers was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 for the Kadamba farmers/tree growers for popularizing kadamba based Agroforestry system at Arepalayam station of ICAR KVK MYRADA, Gobichettipalayam. The training served as an integration platform for tree Growers, scientists, Subject matter specialist (SMS), Farm Managers (ICAR KVK). 50 tree growers from Erode district of Tamil Nadu participated in the programme. Besides farmers, field supervisors and officials of ICAR KVKs participated in the training.*

In the inaugural session; Dr. P. Alagesan, Senior Scientist & Head, ICAR KVK MYRADA, Erode District, welcomed the guests and the tree growers and he gave the overview of the program and highlighted that Aerapalayam centre offers excellent opportunities for farm / agro forestry model promotion for Kadamba plantation and stressed about the benefits of inter-crop cultivation of tree crops in the hilly areas.

Shri. Rajesh Gopalan, IFS, CCF & Head, Extension Division during his special address narrated that pursuance to the collaboration of ICFRE & ICAR through a MoU, establishment of demo plantations and trails in KVK MYRADA, Erode was executed for larger dissemination of the research works of IFGTB.

Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Director IFGTB presided over function and remarked that IFGTB signed an *MoU during March 2021 between IFGTB & ICAR KVK MYRADA, Gobichettipalayam, Erode for establishment of new Van Vigyan Kendra (VVK) at Arepalayam station of ICAR-KVK MYRADA, Gobichettipalayam in Erode district of Tamil Nadu.* He stressed that On-farm tree planting played a significant role in providing both economical and environmental benefits. He highlighted the technologies developed by IFGTB and also emphasized the need of VVKs and KVKs working together, blending forestry and agriculture, to strengthen the dissemination of technologies to various stakeholders.

In the technical session, Dr. A. Vijayaraghavan, Scientist, IFGTB gave a detailed presentation on “**Kadamba based Agroforestry System**”. He show cased the technology of Kadamba clones and clones released by IFGTB to the tree growers. He explained the design, package of practices, intercropping and cost economics of the Kadamba plantation model. He also added that demo plantations have been raised in Chennai and Neyveli and there is a vast potential to grow the species economically on farm.

Shri. T. Ashok kumar, District Development Manager, NABARD, Erode District briefed about the loan opportunities for the tree growers. Shri. P. Pachiappan, Subject Matter Specialist, ICAR KVK MYRADA during his lecture on “**Inter-crop Cultivation in tree crop**” explained on the importance of inter-cropping and on the prospects of rosemary cultivation in the hills. The technical session was followed by “**Experience Sharing**” by the beneficiaries of Kadamba growers. During the open house discussion the farmers raised their queries which were addressed by Dr. P. Alagesan, Senior Scientist & Head, ICAR KVK MYRADA . Dr. A. Vijayaraghavan, Scientist, FGRM Division and Shri. P. Pachiappan, SMS, KVK MYRADA on planting techniques along with inter-cropping.

In the technical session, the farmers were taken to On-field Kadamba demonstration trial at Aerapalayam centre. Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Director, IFGTB planted the seedlings of rosemary during the occasion as an intercrop in the Kadamba demonstration plot. Dr. A. Vijayaraghavan, Scientist, explained to the participants on the establishment, post planting care and advantages of the Kadamba clones in the field as well. The training session ended with vote of thanks by Shri. M. Thirumoorthi, Farm Manager, ICAR KVK MYRADA.

Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Director IFGTB and the team visited Agriculture Research Station (ARS), Thalamalai for site selection for demo plantations of IFGTB clones / varieties of IFGTB and to examine the station`s prospects of declaring as a new VVK.

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KADAMBA BASED AGROFORESTRY SYSTEMS  
Training & Field Demonstration**

19<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
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