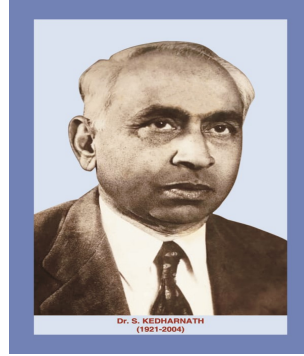


**Dr. S. KEDHARNATH MEMORIAL LECTURE (KML-2020) ON
18TH DECEMBER, 2020**



Dr.S.Kedharnath (1921-2004)

The Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore has been organizing Dr. S. Kedharnath Memorial Lecture (KML) since 2013 to remember the invaluable life time contribution made by Dr. S. Kedharnath in the field of Forest Tree Improvement in our country. Dr. S. Kedharnath dedicated his life to the field of Forest Tree Breeding in India and was bestowed with the title as the '*Father of Forest Genetics in India*'. It is he who pioneered implementing scientific and systematic Genetic Improvement Programmes in forest trees such as Teak, Sandal, Pine and Eucalypts in our country. In fact, Forestry in India has started realising his long term vision of improving productivity of man-made forests through Applied Tree Improvement and at present almost all State Forest Departments, Forest Based Industries and Forest Development Corporations have embarked on large scale Tree Breeding Programmes.

The KML-2020 is scheduled in IFGTB on 18th December, 2020 from 10.00 am to 11.30 am. Dr. M. Sanjappa, Ph.D., FNA, FASc, FNASc, Former Director, BSI; CSIR Emeritus Scientist & INSA Senior Scientist, Mahatma Gandhi Botanical Garden, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bengaluru - 560065 shall be delivering the Memorial Lecture on the topic "Floristic Diversity in India : An Overview".



Dr.M.Sanjappa

Apart from the Scientists, Officers, Staff and Research Scholars of IFGTB, the Academia from various Research Institutions, Universities, Colleges and other R&D Professionals are expected to participate in the online lecture. All are cordially invited to join for the online lecture.

You may register for your participation in KML-2020 through the link: <http://ifgtb.icfre.gov.in/contactus.php> which will remain open till **5.00 pm on 16th December, 2020**. The link for logging on to the Memorial Lecture shall be shared with the registered participants in due course.