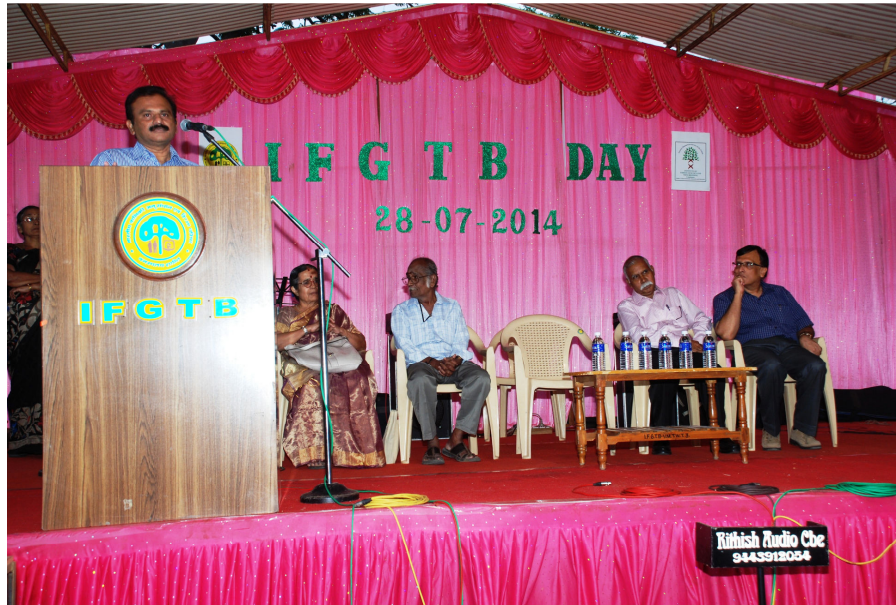


**IFGTB DAY CELEBRATION
ON
28.7.2014**

A gathering of retired staff, Ex-Directors and serving officials of Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore was organized on 28.07.2014. The objective of the gathering was to compile information to ICFRE/IFGTB's contribution to forestry service and make that information available through the recently launched ENVIS Centre at IFGTB, Coimbatore. Around 50 retired officer/staff participated and gave their views on research works carried out during various periods in the last two decades and more.

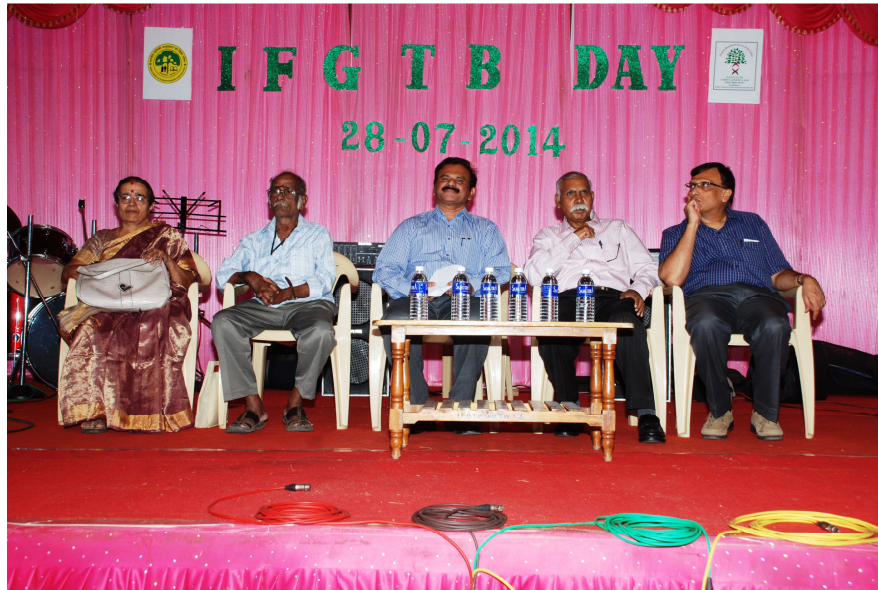
Dr. N. Krishna Kumar, IFS, Director, IFGTB welcomed the gathering and briefed on the need of this meet. He appreciated all the retired staff for their contributions during the past 25 years which has brought IFGTB to this high level. Director, IFGTB invited Ex-Directors and the retired staff to contribute for compiling of information relating to the past efforts and achievements to publish through ENVIS Centre of IFGTB. Shri. K. Subramanian, IFS Former Director of IFGTB participated in this meet and shared all his experiences and graced this occasion. He mentioned about different blooms which IFGTB had in the past like Consultancy Bloom and Externally Aided Project Bloom and congratulated all the staff for those achievements. Shri. Stanley Jagadesh Scientist (Retired) recollected the huge efforts made in establishing Clonal Seed Orchard of teak in Walayar and informed that few of the clones selected for establishing the CSO of teak had resistance/tolerance to teak defoliating insect pests. Shri C. K. Jayachandran Research Officer (Retired) deliberated on successful efforts of establishing of Vegetative Multiplication Complex at IFGTB which paved way for clonal multiplication and establishment of many clonal trials. Many other retired staff also shared valuable information from their past experiences in fields and labs. Dr. N. Krishna Kumar Director IFGTB presented mementos to all the retired staff as a token of appreciation for their contribution to ICFRE/IFGTB growth in the past 25 years. Shri. T.P. Raghunath, IFS delivered vote of thanks and the programme ended with a cultural programmes of staff and their family members. **A historical account of ICFRE/IFGTB research achievements from time to time could be traced through the interactions and experience sharing.**



Welcome address by Dr.N. Krishna Kumar, Director, IFGTB



Gathering of retired staff of IFGTB



Dignitaries on the dais (From Left Mrs. K.B. Kalyani (Rtd. staff), Sh. R. Gururajan (Rtd. staff), Dr. N. Krishna Kumar (Director, IFGTB), Sh. K. Subramanian (Former Director, IFGTB) and Sh. T.P.Ragunath (GCR, IFGTB))



Sh. R. Gururajan (Rtd. staff) sharing his experiences



Mrs. K.B. Kalyani (Rtd. staff) recollected the past achievements and wished IFGTB for greater achievements in the days to come



Sh. K. Subramanian (Former Director, IFGTB) narrating different blooms IFGTB had during the past



Sh. P. Shivaraman Retd staff shared his views and experiences



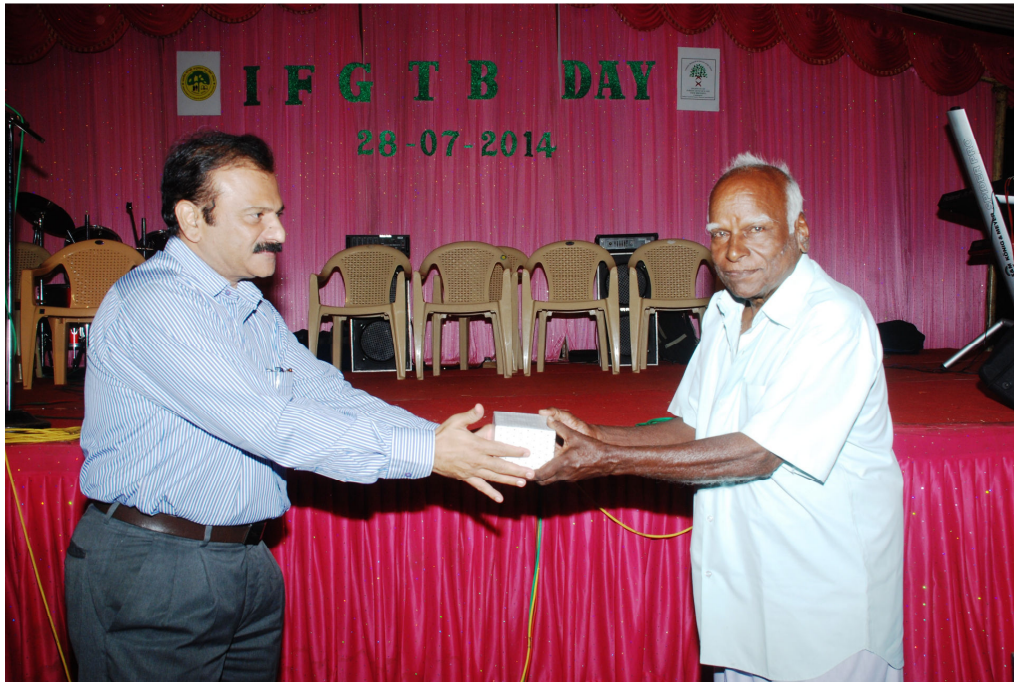
Sh. Stanley Jagadesh Research Officer (Retd) narrating his experiences in establishing of Clonal Seed Orchard of teak



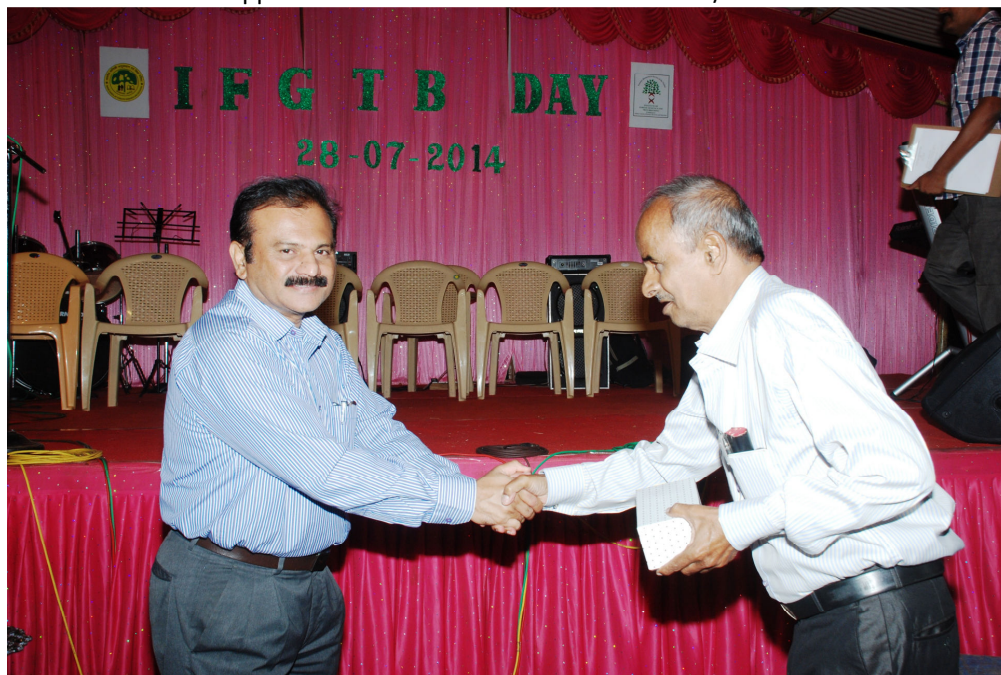
Mrs. R. Lalithambal, Section Officer recollected her past working experiences in IFGTB



An audio-visual presentation on the achievements of ICFRE/IFGTB in the past 25 years



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IFGTB Day Celebration ended with Cultural programmes of staff and their family members