



Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding



Dr. S. Kedharnath Memorial Lecture (KML-2019)

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Dr. S. Kedharnath was an eminent Forest Geneticist, who served as the Head of Forest Genetics Section and Director, Biological Research, in the erstwhile Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. He pioneered tree improvement research in the country and is known as the “**Father of Forest Genetics in India**”. Dr. S. Kedharnath was associated with IFGTB, since its inception in 1988 and served as the member of RAG of the institute for many years. To commemorate the outstanding contributions made by him in the field of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, IFGTB organizing “**Dr. S. Kedharnath Memorial Lecture**” (KML) every year since from the year 2013.



IFGTB, Coimbatore celebrated the sixth edition of KML-2019 on 23.12.2019 with lighting of lamp and floral tribute to Dr. S. Kedharnath in the presence of his son Sh. K. Rajnath. The organizing secretary Dr. K.R. Sasidharan, Scientist welcomed the gathering and narrated the achievements made by Dr. S. Kedharnath in the field of tree improvement and the unstinted support extended by him to the research activities of the institute. Dr. S. Murugesan, Director, IFGTB, during his introductory remarks mentioned



about immense contribution of Dr. S. Kedharnath in field of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, qualities as a good human being and a guide as well as the role played by him in molding the Scientists of IFGTB. The guest of honour, Dr. Syam Viswanath, Director, KFRI, Peechi released a Flier on KML-2019 and delivered a lecture on the topic, ‘**Realigning and Reorienting Forestry Research as if People Matter**’. He mentioned forest systems, agroforestry, ecosystem services and play vital role in realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). About 100 participants, from different organizations and Officers, Scientists, Staffs and Research Scholars of IFGTB attended the lecture. Dr. N. Senthilkumar, Scientist, proposed the vote of thanks.