

## REPORT ON Dr. S. KEDHARNATH MEMORIAL LECTURE (KML-2017) INSTITUTE OF FOREST GENETICS AND TREE BREEDING, COIMBATORE

The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Dr. S. Kedharnath Memorial Lecture (KML-2017) was conducted in IFGTB, Coimbatore, on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017. A total number of 130 participants attended the programme. The participants included the faculty members and students from institutions like Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, Forest College and Research Institute (FC&RI), Mettupalayam, Department of Botany Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, PSG Arts and Science College, Coimbatore; Head of Office, Scientists and Staffs from Botanical Survey of India (BSI), Coimbatore, Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Anaikatti, apart from the Officers, Scientists, Staffs and Research Scholars of IFGTB.

The programme started with an invocation. Dr. S. Murugesan, Group Co-ordinator (Research) welcomed the gathering. Dr. B. Nagarajan, the Organizing Secretary of KML-2017 gave an overview of the pioneering contributions made by Dr. S. Kedharnath to Forest Genetics and Tree Improvement Research in India. Shri R. S. Prashanth, IFS, Director of IFGTB gave an introduction about Dr. S. Kedharnath Memorial Lecture - 2017. Dr. Ashok Kumar Bhatnagar, Former Head and Professor of Botany, University of Delhi delivered the fifth edition of Dr. Kedharnath Memorial Lecture (KML-2017) on the topic "***Declining Pollination and Seed Dispersal Relationships Affecting Biodiversity and Progeny Fitness of Forest Species***". The lecture featured reproductive biology, seed dispersal biology and ecological genetics of Forest ecosystems from India and elsewhere. The vote of thanks for the programme was proposed by Dr. A. Rajasekaran, IFGTB. The sponsorship of Messrs. Union Bank of India, R.S. Puram, Coimbatore, 641002 to the event is gratefully acknowledged.



Sh. R.S. Prashanth IFS, Director, IFGTB introducing KML-2017



Dr. A.K. Bhatnagar delivering the KML-2017



The audience to the KML-2017