## Visit of Shri C. V. Shankar, IAS, Prinicipal Secretary, Environment and Forests, Government of Tamil Nadu

Shri C.V. Shankar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Environment and Forests, Government of Tamil Nadu paid a visit to the institute on 21.8.2012. Shri T.P. Raghunath, IFS, Gorup Coordinator Research delivered welcomed the dignitary. Dr. N. Krishnakumar presented the overview on the research and extension activities of the institute and highlighted the products, technologies developed by the institute and the services rendered to the stakeholders particularly the farmers. Shri C.V. Shankar, IAS appreciated the work carried out by the institute and mentioned that some of the technologies and novel approaches of the institute can be adopted for better implementation of the various ongoing programmes of the forest department. He requested the institute to concentrate on the production of quality planting material of *Acacia nilotica* for the tank forshore plantation programme in Tamil Nadu. He also assured to explore the possibility of providing funds under CAMPA, FDA and Environment Development Fund for research projects.











