ICFRE-Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding organized a one-day exposure visit to B. Sc (Agriculture) students (106) from SRS Institute of Agriculture & Technology, Dindigul & B. Sc (Agriculture) students (136) from Don Bosco College of Agriculture, Ranipet on 20.06.2024.

Shri G.R.Madhavaraj, IFS, DCF, Extension division, ICFRE - IFGTB gave an overview of the institute’s research and extension activities. He also narrated the contribution of the ICFRE-IFGTB in the field of tree improvement and clones released in Casuarina and Eucalyptus and its reach and economic benefits to the tree growers.

As a part of the visit, students were taken to Vegetative Multiplication Garden of ICFRE-IFGTB. Visit was made to show different facilities like Mother bed chamber, shade house and the essential requirements for mass multiplication. The students were appraised by Shri. R. Velumani, Technical Officer & Shri. Paulraj, Technician on the concepts of selection of candidate plus trees, establishment of VMG, collection of cuttings from Mother Bed chambers, vegetative multiplication garden and coppice shoots, etc. They were also given inputs on the various advanced techniques practiced by ICFRE-IFGTB in clonal propagation of Eucalyptus, Casuarina and other important indigenous tree species. The students also visited Gass Forest Museum of ICFRE-IFGTB where-in Smt. B.Sunitha, CTO explained about the history and importance of Gass Forest Museum.
Briefing about ICFRE-IFGTB research and extension activities
Visit to vegetative multiplication garden
Visit to GASS forest museum