

## The First Annual Tree Breeders Workshop

11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026

The First Annual Tree Breeders Workshop was held at ICFRE-Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore, on 11 May 2026. The workshop is an output of the recommendations of the Pan-India Workshop held in August 2024, with a focus on preparing breeding plans for economically important tree species. Mr T. Rabikumar, Director IFGTB, highlighted the national importance of coordinated tree breeding and quality planting material programmes. Mr Anand Mohan, CEO, CAMPA, stressed the importance of sustainably utilising the country's rich tree diversity and assured support for the scheme, while underscoring the need for quality planting material, strong coordination, and alignment with state forest departments. Smt. Kanchan Devi, Director General, ICFRE, noted that the workshop marked a significant milestone in collaborative forestry research, emphasising tree improvement, certification of forest reproductive material, enhanced productivity, and self-reliance in timber and wood resources under the vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat. The programme concluded with the felicitation of superannuating technical staff members in recognition of their dedicated service and contributions to forestry research and development. Scientists from different forestry research institutes across the country came together during



the workshop to deliberate on breeding plans for eighteen economically important tree species aimed at improving productivity, sustainability, and climate resilience in forestry programmes.



