

## WORKSHOP CUM EXHIBITION FOR PULPWOOD TREE GROWERS

Department of Plantation organized the workshop cum exhibition for Pulpwood Tree Growers on 30.01.10. About 500 farmers from various districts participated in the workshop. In the morning, MD, TNPL inaugurated the exhibition in which including TNPL Plantation activities & various other exhibitors consisting Research institutes, Drip irrigation system suppliers, vermi-compost producer and Farm Implements Manufactures & Distributors participated. The exhibition was thematic and useful to the farmers.

IG & CVS, TNPL released Technical Bulletins and Booklets and delivered Chief Guest Address in the Workshop. The workshop was presided over by G M (Operations) and G M (Materials & Logistics) welcomed the participants. Dr.G.Kumaravelu, Tamil Nadu Planning Commission Member inaugurated the workshop and delivered special address. He outlined the effects of global warming and its impact on environment. He emphasized on the need and importance of raising trees to check the global warming. He also stressed that TNPL provides stable market for pulpwood cultivated in the farmers' land through Farm Forestry & Captive Plantation Schemes. Thiru. Ravichandran, I.F.S., Head –Extension, Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore and Dr.K.T.Parthiban, FCRI, Mettupalayam delivered felicitation address. Senior Manager (Plantation), TNPL proposed vote of thanks.

In continuation of this, technical interaction with the farmers was conducted. Forest College & Research Institute Associate Professor, Dr.K.T.Parthiban, TNAU Professors Dr.K.Natarajan and Dr.A.S.Krishnamurthy and IFGTB Scientist Dr.A.Nicodemus participated in the interaction. The farmers raised lot of queries regarding pest & disease management in pulpwood plantation, alternate pulpwoods, reduction of minimum support price & fixation of

final price for pulpwood, etc. The Casuarina growers requested us to increase the MSP, demanded higher felling & transport charge, reduction of Casuarina clone cost and Crop Insurance coverage for Casuarina. After providing lunch, the farmers were taken to model farm for demo plantations /CPRC and demonstrated the farm implements working in the field. The whole program was covered by print & electronic media. The workshop cum exhibition was successful and well received by the farmers.





