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Two govt bodies open tree growers mela, plan to grow over 1K trees

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INSTITUTE of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB) inaugurated a two-day-long Tree Growers' Mela 2020 on Tuesday in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Forest Department and Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL). Over 1,000 tree growers in and around Coimbatore, Erode, Salem and Tirupur districts would be sharing their experiences in tree cultivation during the programme.

As an important extension activity, the institute has been organising mela in several

strategic places in Tamil Nadu to spread awareness on tree cultivation using improved planting materials including clones. The main objective is to create awareness among farmers on tree cultivation techniques. According to the press



release, technical sessions on cultivation practices of tree species and timber marketing and trade would focus on the need for choosing appropriate tree species, improved planting, and the package of practices for increased production.

The wood-based industries including Tamil Nadu News

Print and Papers Ltd (TNPL) and private nurseries would share their technologies in procurement and marketing options for the farmers. An exclusive exhibition on the tree cultivation technologies, clonal technologies, nursery management, timber procurement, and marketing options has been arranged in the mela. IFGTB has developed high yielding varieties of fast-growing tree species such as teak, casuarina, etc. The institute, is one of nine research institutions of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, an autonomous organisation of the Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change.