

**Dr. S. KEDHARNATH MEMORIAL LECTURE - 2015
(KML-2015)**



**Dr. S. Kedharnath
(1921 - 2004)**

In honour of the pioneering contribution and services of Dr. S. Kedharnath in the field of Forest Tree Improvement, an Annual Memorial Lecture is being conducted at IFGTB, Coimbatore. Dr. S. Kedharnath pioneered in implementing scientific and systematic Genetic Improvement programmes in forest trees such as Teak, Sandal, Pine and Eucalypts in our country and was bestowed with the title '*Father of Forest Genetics in India*'. He served as the Forest Geneticist and Director of Biological Research in the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. He specialized in applied tree improvement, cytogenetics, mutation breeding and hybridization.

The first Dr. S. Kedharnath Memorial Lecture (**KML-2013**) was delivered by Dr. S. Nagarajan (Former Chairman of PPVFR, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India) on the 4th April, 2013. The second edition of **KML-2014** was presented by Dr. Om P. Rajora, University of New Brunswick, Canada on 9th June, 2014. The current year event, **KML-2015** will be delivered by **Dr. M. Maheswaran, Professor of Genetics and Plant Breeding & Director of Research, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, at 10.00 AM, on 31st August 2015, in the Seminar Hall of IFGTB.**

About one hundred invitees including Forestry Professionals, Scientists, University and College Teachers and Research Scholars are expected to participate in the event. All are cordially invited.