## LAUNCHING OF TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY BY IFGTB ON CASUARINA IMPROVEMENT TO BILT TREE TECH LIMITED

A Technical Consultancy Project has been agreed between IFGTB and BILT Tree Tech Limited for establishing Seed Orchards and Demonstration Plots of Casuarina in Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Maharashtra. As Consultant Organization, IFGTB will provide planting material, site-specific designs and technical guidance for establishing four demonstration plots and three seed orchards. The Consultancy Team is headed by Dr N. Krishna Kumar, Director and includes Dr. B. Gurudev Singh, Scientist 'G', Dr. A. Nicodemus, Scientist 'E', Dr V. Sivakumar, Scientist 'E' and Dr Kannan Warrier, Scientist 'D' as members. The Consultancy Project will be for a period of two years (2012-14). Dr Suchita Bhandari, Head, BILT Tree Tech Limited visited IFGTB on 9th August 2012 to launch the project and had discussions with Director, Group Coordinator (Research) and Consultancy Team Members. A detailed time schedule for various activities to be undertaken in the project was also prepared for implementation.

