

# Boosting Agroforestry at Ground Level: 3-day training for rural youth of Karnataka began today

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A three-day training programme (14-16 December, 2021) on Agroforestry for 70 rural youth from Mandya and Tumkur Districts of Karnataka begins today at Farmers Training Institute University of Bangalore in a hybrid mode. The training programme is a joint effort of ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi with the guidance of FAO-India Office, National Rainfed Area Authority and Karnataka Sub Mission on Agroforestry. The objective of the training programme is to enable Implementation of National Agroforestry Policy by Enhancing Tree Cover & Production of Wood. The training programme consists of sessions on developing agroforestry models at farmers field, quality planting material, package of practice of Melia, Sandalwood, Neem, Aonla and biofuel species along with the marketing interventions and value addition. Dr A. Arunachalam, Director, CAFRI Jhansi, in his inaugural address called upon the participants to acquire as much skill as possible from this training and become the Ambassadors of Agroforestry, as today's agroforestry is one of the most viable option to enhance tree cover in the country and to ensure livelihood to small and marginal farmers. Dr. Y.G. Shadakshari, Director (Research), UAS Bengaluru and Dr N Deva Kumar, Director (Extension) from UAS, Bangalore hoped that training programme will be very helpful for the trainees, and they will be benefitted from the experience of resource persons. Representatives from NRAA, FAO (India), SMAF, Karnataka and Prof. Dr Atul and Dr Nagaraju also shared their views. Dr A. K. Handa coordinated the training programme from CAFRI, Jhansi and Dr Hanumanthappa and Dr Bhaskar are the local organizers from UAS, Bangalore.

