

IFGTB signs pact with paper mill

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The Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB) has entered into a licence agreement with The International Papers – APPM Limited at Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh. The institute has been undertaking long-term research work to increase wood production in plantations to meet the different end uses like timber, poles, pulpwood, fuel wood and other non-timber products. As a research outcome, IFGTB has developed fast-growing *Casuarina junghniiana* clones which have promising yield within 36 months. As part of this agreement, IFGTB will commercially propagate five clones of Casuarina (CJ 7, CJ9, CJ 10, CH 1 and CH 2) developed by the institute and supply to farmers. The agreement was signed by R.S. Prashanth, Director, IFGTB, and Deepak Khare, Vice-President – Forestry, IP-APPM in a meeting held on Friday. B. Gurudev Singh, Group Coordinator (Research), A. Nicodemus, Scientist and Manoj Sharma, DGM, IP-APPM were also present.

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