

Report on Boundary Planting Programme
by the Kerala Agricultural University centre, Thrissur

Under the joint auspices of the Paralam Gramma Panchayath and Venginissery Service Cooperative Bank, Thrissur Dist. Kerala, the Kerala Agricultural University centre of the All India Coordinated Research Project on Agroforestry, initiated and conducted a far reaching ‘**Awareness Programme on boarder / boundary planting**’ on 22nd June, 2017 at Venginissery. The President and ward member of the Gramma Panchayath and about 100 multi stakeholders including farmers, industrialists, cooperative bank members, local people, woman Self Help Group members, faculty and staff of AICRP on Agroforestry, 2nd year batch of BSc (Hons.) Forestry students of College of Forestry and the press and media attended the programme.

The major activities of the Programme included the following: Inauguration of the programme by the Paralam Gramma Panchayath President Sri. Satheep K. Joseph, awareness classes on boundary planting by distinguished Professors who are also the members of the working Group on ‘Trees Outside Forests’ of the State Planning Board, Govt. of Kerala, demonstration on care and caution in planting trees on boundaries, distribution of seedlings to farmers for cultivating the interest to take up boundary planting in their own homesteads and field bunds, discussion on strategies for continuity of the boundary planting programme for achieving the targeted goal.

The initiative and execution of the programme by the AICRP on agroforestry centre was very effective and was appreciated by the LSG Department and the public people. The local press and media gave good coverage of the programme. In general, the programme on boundary planting helped to create genuine interest among the people that will definitely result in a reawakening for the households and the people of this part of the country, where the per capita land and the land available for tree planting is very scanty and this intervention is timely in the context of large scale shifts from traditional agricultural practices in Kerala.

