

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

The All India Coordinated Research Project on Agroforestry unit of KAU conducted a far reaching '**Programme on boundary/ border planting**' on **26th June, 2019** at Vellanikkara. Multi stake holders volunteers, woman Self Help Group members, workers of MNREGS, students, faculty and staff of various departments actively attended the programme. The programme was conducted in such a way that the message and implication of the *Har med par ped* programme has been taken to at least to 10 districts of the state represented by the student volunteers.

The major activities of the Programme included the following: Inauguration of the programme by the Faculty Dean Dr. K. Vidyasagaran, awareness talk 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 discussion on strategies for continuity of the boundary planting programme for achieving the targeted goal. About 140 saplings were also planted during the programme.

The initiative and execution of the programme by the AICRP on agroforestry centre was very effective and was well appreciated. In general, the programme on boundary planting helped to create genuine interest among the stake holders 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 attempts and the interests of youth in planting trees not only for productive but also for the indirect /protective/recreational benefits too. Such out reaching activities has got greater relevance in the current decade of climate change mitigation and resilience.

