

Title	:	AICRP-17: Enhancement of Fodder Availability and Quality to Reduce Unsustainable Grazing in the Forest
Principal Investigator	:	Dr. C. Buvaneswaran
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Duration	:	5 Years
Objectives	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standardising planting, management, protection and fodder sharing procedures for enhancing tree fodder availability in fodder scarcity regions of India 2. Improving nutritive value and storage life for greater fodder availability during lean period Capacity building of project personnel and stakeholders in raising high-yielding fodder plantation
Progress		<p>This project aims to overcome the problem of insufficient quantity and low quality fodder availability in and around forest. The project will involve testing the best research solutions available in the country in representative fodder scarcity areas on community lands, forest land or degraded land near the village. High yielding fodder species comprising trees/shrubs and grasses will be tested for their survival, growth and yield in degraded or vacant land near forest. With regard to progress made so far in this project, i) Procured seeds of <i>Glyricidia</i> from KFRI and <i>Erythrina indica</i> from Private firm in Dharapuram. ii) Collected seeds of <i>Albizia lebbeck</i> and <i>Hardwickia binata</i> from trees in Forest Campus. iii) Seedlings of <i>Glyricidia</i>, <i>Erythrina</i>, <i>Albizia lebbeck</i> and <i>Hardwickia binata</i> are being raised. iv) Planting stock of <i>Delanix elata</i> is produced through cuttings, v) Initiated identification of farm fields to establish field trials and vi) Procured seeds of subabul and raised seedlings. vii) Rooting of cuttings made for <i>Glyricidia</i> and <i>Erythrina</i>.</p>
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