



Green Skill Development Programmes (GSDP)

Organized by

ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement

Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding

(Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education)

Coimbatore

Valedictory Function

Three Green Skill Development Programmes (GSDP) organized by the ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement concluded at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore. Participants numbering 48 from different states of India successfully completed more than a month-long training on (1) Quality Planting Material Producer (2) Forest Entomology and Pest Control and (3) Plant Tissue Culture Techniques and its Applications. All these training programmes were free of cost with boarding, lodging and training kit. Dr C Kunhikannan, Director IFGTB awarded certificates from the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) to the successful trainees.

Green Skill Development Programmes of MoEFCC is an initiative for skill development in the environment and forestry sector to enable India's youth to get gainful employment and /or self-employment. Realizing the demand for green skilled youth the GSDP has been conceptualised and developed in MoEFCC in consultation with the National Skill Development Agency, the nodal agency for synergising skill development initiatives in the country under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. The programme endeavours to develop green skilled workers having technical knowledge and commitment to sustainable development which will help in the attainment of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), National Biodiversity Targets (NBTs) as well as Waste Management Rules (2016). Educational qualification for Quality Planting Material Producer was 10th pass while the other two courses were targeted for life science graduates. GSDPs have been outlined to give a unique learning experience through focused interactions in the class room (30%) as well as hands-on exercises (70%).

Dr Kannan CS Warriar, Scientist F and ENVIS Coordinator functioned as the Nodal Officer for the GSDPs. Dr John Prasanth Jacob, Scientist G and Dr Rekha R Warriar, Scientist F were the Training in Charges of the GSDPs on Forest Entomology & Pest Control and Plant Tissue Culture Techniques & its Applications respectively. Dr S Vigneswaran, Senior Programme Officer, Dr T Vamadevan, Information Officer, Shri T Thangavel, IT Officer and Smt GV Subha Shree provided assistance.











