



**ENVIS Resource Partner on
Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement
Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding
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Coimbatore**

Eco Tour to Western Ghats Region

An eco tour to Baralikadu, a tribal village, situated on the banks of Athikadavu river, on the foothills of the Western Ghats was organized by ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore for the **Ministerial staff of IFGTB** on 25.01.2020. The field visit focused primarily on creating awareness on conservation of nature and natural resources including flora, fauna and water. Tribal traditions in management and conservation of forest genetic resources and water resources were also experienced by the participants, **who have never been exposed to interior forest areas**. This is a first of its kind programme arranged by IFGTB for an inclusive involvement of all its family members in forest conservation initiatives. The group was sensitised on the role of mountain ecosystems in sustainable livelihood support by way of providing food, fodder, fibre, fuel and fertilizer to the forest dwelling communities.

