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Scan QR code to attend online lectures on tree cultivation

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Coimbatore: The Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB) has launched a series of online interactive lectures for farmers on tree cultivation.

The lecture series was inaugurated on Friday to mark the World Environment Day. The first lecture, on high-yielding casuarina clones, was presented by scientist A Nicodemus.

The lectures will be hosted every Friday in June covering themes such as commercially important clonal varieties of IFGTB, agroforestry and integrated pest and disease management.

The lectures scheduled

including one on 'Agroforestry Models and Casuarina Windbreak Clones' by C Buvaneshwaran on June 12, 'Cultivation practices in Gmelina arborea (kumil)' by A Mayavel on June 19 and 'Cultivation Practices for Cadamba' by A Vijayaraghavan on Ju-

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ne 26.

The lectures are an initiative of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education-National Forestry Research Project. People can register by scanning a QR code being advertised regularly.

While 900 farmers regis-

tered on Friday, 490 participated in the online session streamed on Facebook Live.

IFGTB is also organizing an online knowledge series on 'Know Your Environment' for school and college students under ICFRE's Prakriti—student connect program. As many as 383 students from schools like GD Matriculation, PSBB Millennium School and Nirmala College for Women attended the first session on Friday.

Topic include 'Facts about Unknown Locusts—Solutions from Nature', 'Know Your Backyard Biodiversity' and 'Not All Microbes are Harmful'. The sessions will be conducted fortnightly in June and July.