

TRAINING ON NURSERY & CLONAL TECHNOLOGY UNDER HRD PROGRAM OF ICFRE, DEHRADUN



The one week training on Nursery and clonal technology is being held at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore from 24 June to 28 June 2013. The training program is being conducted under the HRD program of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun to impart hand-on training on nursery and clonal technology to the Research Assistant and Technical Assistants working in the different Institutes under ICFRE. In the inauguration program, Shri T.P. Raghunath, Group Coordinator Research, IFGTB welcomed the participants. Dr. R. Yasodha, Head, Division of Plant Biotechnology and Course coordinator briefed the participants on the course content. The training was inaugurated by Dr. N. Krishna Kumar, Director, IFGTB and during his inaugural address he highlighted the importance of nursery technology in all areas of forestry research including clonal forestry, restoration forestry, urban and social forestry. He also referred the nursery as the "Mirror and Eyes" of the forest departments. He emphasized the need for innovation and modern technological intervention in nursery science and was confident that ICFRE findings will go out to help forest departments' nursery efforts. He added that when Trees Outside Forests (TOFs) is a major thrust of Govt. of India, nursery technology for agroforestry should be the primer area of research focus, in which

skill up-gradation and capacity building is need of the hour. He was confident that this exposure for research supporting staff would scale up the quality of research in nursery and clonal technology. The training is being coordinated by Dr. V.K.W. Bachpai and Shri K.S.Venkatramanan. The training is attended by 23 participants from FRI, Dehradun; AFRI, Jodhpur; TFRI, Jabalpur; IWST, Bangalore; IFGTB, Coimbatore; IFP, Ranchi and IFB, Hyderabad.