

## REPORT

"Training cum Demonstration on Biofertilizer Production and Application in Nursery and Field" funded by the Hill Area Development Programme (HADP), Government of Tamil Nadu was conducted at Udthagamandlam, Nilgiris District, Tamil Nadu, on 22-08-2013. Altogether 83 participants comprising of Forest Department officials from Nilgiri South, North and Gudalur Forest Divisions, officials of HADP and Horticulture Department, Farmers, recognized NGOs and Tree Growers were registered and attended the training. The programme was started with an invocation. Dr. V. Mohan, Scientist – F, PI & Course Co-ordinator of the training delivered welcome address and gave an overview of the training programme. Shri. Srinivas R. Reddy, IFS, Project Director, HADP inaugurated the training programme and delivered the inaugural address. He also released the "**Training Manual on Bio-fertilizers – Importance, Production, Management and Application techniques**)" during the function.. Shri. A.R. Sivaraman, District Manager (Watershed), HADP, proposed vote of thanks.

The Course Co-ordinator, Dr. V. Mohan delivered a lecture on "**Importance of Bio-fertilizers and Techniques for Mass Production, Maintenance and Application Methods in Tree Nurseries and Field**" in Tamil during the Technical Sessions.

A hands on training on "**VAM Bio-fertilizer Production and Application Methods**" were imparted to the participants. Sample pockets of the Bio-fertilizer product produced at IFGTB "**Tree Growth Booster**" were also distributed to all the participants. During discussion and feedback session, there was active participation and interaction. The Course co-ordinator clarified all the doubts putforth by the trainees.

During the Valedictory session, Shri. Srinivas R. Reddy, IFS, Project Director, HADP distributed the Participation Certificate to all the participants. The Course Co-ordinator proposed vote of thanks and the programme ended with National Anthem.