

## **VISIT OF STATE FOREST SERVICE OFFICER TRINEES FROM CASFOS DEHRA DUN**

### **TO IFGTB, COIMABTORE**

A team of 42 State Forest Service Officer Trainees of Central Academy for State Forest Service, Dehra Dun visited Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore as part of Southern India tour programme. Dr. N. Krishna Kumar, IFS, Director, IFGTB welcomed the trainees and delivered a special address. During the address, the Director briefed about major achievements of IFGTB as well as highlighted the future goals to be achieved in the field of forestry research. The Director, IFGTB also emphasized the dual roles of present forest officers both in administration as well as in scientific management of forests through research support system. Dr. C. Buvaneswaran, Scientist-E made a presentation on Institutes on-going programmes and major achievements. During the discussion session, the trainees appreciated all the efforts of IFGTB particularly in the field of Tree Improvement and also the recent effort in restoration of Shola forests in Nilgiri Biosphere. Important queries from the officer trainees were i) research work on enrichment planting in the natural forest in support of wildlife management and ii) research focusing on 'Biodiversity Conservation'. Dr. N. Krishna Kumar, Director IFGTB clarified all the queries of officer trainees. Shri. S. Saravanan, Scientist-D and Dr. V.K.W. Bachpai, Scientist-C were associated in visits to Laboratories and other facilities of IFGTB.



*Dr. N. Krishna Kumar, IFS, Director, IFGTB addressing the State Forest Service Officer Trainees of Central Academy for State Forest Service, Dehra Dun*



*Discussion session with State Forest Service Officer Trainees of Central Academy for State Forest Service, Dehra Dun*



*Visits to Laboratories of IFGTB by State Forest Service Officer Trainees*