

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY ACT-2002

(Sponsored by the National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai)

The two day training programme on '**Biological Diversity Act-2002**' for University/ College lecturers and officials of Tamil Nadu Forest Department was held in IFGTB, Coimbatore on 5th and 6th of March 2014. A total of 37 participants attended the training.

The inaugural session was started with an invocation by Dr. Kannan C. S. Warriar. Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Head, Biodiversity Division welcomed the gathering. Dr. K.Panneer Selvam, the Programme Co-ordinator gave an overview of the training. Dr. N. Krishna Kumar, Director, IFGTB delivered the presidential address. The training was inaugurated by Dr. R.V. Varma, Former Chairperson, Kerala State Biodiversity Board. The Chief Guest also released the Training Manual. Dr. K. R. Sasidharan, Scientist E proposed vote of thanks.

Five class room sessions were conducted, covering various topics such as Glimpses of Biological Diversity in India, Biological Diversity Act-2002, Access and Benefit Sharing, Preparation of People's Biodiversity Register, Intellectual Property Rights and Biodiversity. These sessions were handled by experts on each topic.

A field visit to Singapathi - a tribal village situated at the foot hills of Siruvani, Coimbatore was also organized as part of the training programme, for interacting with the tribal communities and to have an exposure to the traditional knowledge available with them.

A Panel Discussion on selected topics was organized for closer interaction and exchange of thoughts among the participants. The Panel Discussion was chaired by Shri. R.S. Prasanth, Director (i/c), IFGTB, Coimbatore.

There was very good involvement and interactions from the side of participants during the entire training programme. Many of the participants volunteered to involve themselves in the preparation of People's Biodiversity Register in their respective areas, given an opportunity. Certificates were issued to the participants during the Valedictory Session.



Inauguration - Lighting the lamp by Chief Guest and a Participant



Address by Dr. R.V. Varma, Chief Guest



Group Photo at IFGTB



Release of Training Manual



Field visit in Biodiversity Rich Area



Interaction with Tribal Community at Singampathi village



Active Group Discussion

Valedictory function chaired by Sh. R.S. Prasanth, IFS



Certificate Distribution

