

**INAGURATION OF TRAINING ON  
BAMBOOS - ITS IMPORTANCE, UTILIZATION AND CONSERVATION**

**INSTITUTE OF FOREST GENETICS AND TREE BREEDING COIMBATORE**

**Date: 2.03.2015 to 4.03.2015**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Batch)**

A three day's training course on "Bamboos - Its importance utilization and conservation" for skill upgradation of University /College/ School teachers, NGOs and Research Scholars working in the field of bamboo was conducted in IFGTB from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (2<sup>nd</sup> Batch). The programme was sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India. Shri. M. Maria Dominic Savio, Scientist, Forest Genetic Resources Division and Co-ordinator of the training programme welcomed the gathering during inaugural function. Dr.S. Murugesan, Scientist and Head Bioprospecting Division & Director incharge of IFGTB delivered the presidential address. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. Vipin Chawla, Scientist & Head, Centre for Bamboo Development, IPIRTI, Bengaluru. Dr.C. Kunhikannan, Scientist and Head Biodiversity Division proposed vote of thanks.

A total of 30 participants from various universities, colleges, CRPF, NGOs and research institutions in Tamil Nadu attended the training under this programme. Eight class room sessions were conducted on topics such as Bamboos: Its significance, Taxonomy and identification, Cultivated bamboos, Bamboos role in the development agenda of the country, its management techniques, handicrafts making and construction, preservation, industrial utilization and also about value addition of bamboo. Visit was arranged for the participants to the Bamboo Market Information Centre and Bambusetum, Forest Campus, Coimbatore, Institute for Social Advancement, Anaikatti, Kerala and also to Siruvani foothills.

The Valedictory function was conducted on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Shri.R.S. Prasanth, Director, IFGTB presided over the function and delivered the Valedictory address. Shri. M. Maria Dominic, Scientist, FGR Division and Coordinator of the training programme proposed the Vote of Thanks. The training programme won high appreciation from the participants both in terms of technical content and arrangements made for reception, transportation, boarding, lodging and field visits.

The participants suggested for conducting the training programme every year for one week duration.



Inaugural Session



Dr. S. Murugesan, Scientist & Director in charge, IFGTB delivering Presidential Address



Dr. Vipin Chawla, Scientist & Head Centre for Bamboo Development, IPIRTI, Bengaluru delivering inaugural address



Participants group photo



Class room session by Dr. Vipin Chawla, Scientist & Head, Centre for Bamboo Development, IPIRTI, Bengaluru



Valedictory function



Shri. R.S. Prasanth, Director, IFGTB giving away certificate to participant