

TRAINING ON PLANT TAXONOMY

INSTITUTE OF FOREST GENETICS AND TREE BREEDING

COIMBATORE

A three day's training programme on 'Plant Taxonomy' for skill upgradation of University /College/ School teachers and Research Scholars working in the field of Biodiversity/Taxonomy was commenced in IFGTB on 23rd February 2015. Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Head, Biodiversity Division and Co-ordinator of the training programme welcomed the gathering. Dr. R.S. Prashanth, IFS, Director of IFGTB delivered the presidential address. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. A.N. Henry, Joint Director (Retd.), Botanical Survey of India, Southern Regional Centre, Coimbatore. Dr. K.R. Sasidharan, Scientist-E, Biodiversity Division proposed vote of thanks.

A total number of 32 participants from various universities, colleges, schools and research institutions in Tamil Nadu and Kerala are undergoing training under this programme. Eight class room sessions on topics such as Plant Diversity of India, Plant Morphology, Fundamentals of Plant Classification, International Code of Nomenclature for Algae, Fungi and Plants (ICN), Grass Diversity, Application of DNA Barcoding in Taxonomy, Bryophyte Taxonomy and Pteridophyte Taxonomy and visit to the Herbarium of the Botanical Survey of India (Acronym: MH), Southern Regional Centre, Coimbatore have been included in the programme. The participants will also be taken for field study to Silent Valley National Park, Palakkad District, Kerala State and Maruthamalai Hills Coimbatore. Valedictory function is scheduled on 25th February 2015.

The training programme is sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India.



Inaugural Session



Shri R.S. Prashanth, IFS, Director, IFGTB delivering
Presidential Address



Dr. A. N. Henry, Joint Director (Retd.), BSI (SRC) inaugurating the training



Releasing of the Training Manual by Dr. A. N. Henry



Dr. A. N. Henry, Joint Director (Retd.), BSI (SRC) delivering Inaugural address



A class room session by Dr. N. Rama Rao, Scientist-G (Retd.), ICFRE