

TRAINING ON BAMBOOS - ITS IMPORTANCE, UTILIZATION AND CONSERVATION

INSTITUTE OF FOREST GENETICS AND TREE BREEDING COIMBATORE

Date: 26.02.2015 to 28.02.2015

(1st Batch)

A three day's training course on "Bamboos- importance utilization and conservation" for skill upgradation of University/ College/ School teachers, NGOs peoples and Research Scholars working in the field of bamboo was conducted in IFGTB from 26th February to 28th February 2015 (1st Batch). The programme was sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India. During the Inaugural function, Shri. M. Maria Dominic Savio, Scientist, Forest Genetic Resources Division and Co-ordinator of the training programme welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. Murugesan, Scientist and Head Bioprospecting Division & Director incharge of IFGTB delivered the presidential address. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. T.S. Ashok Kumar, Principal, Central Academy of State Forest Service, Coimbatore. Dr. R. Yasodha, Scientist and Head Biotechnology Division proposed vote of thanks.

A total number 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: 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 value addition of bamboo during this programme. Visit was arranged for the participants to the Bamboo Market Information Centre and Bambusetum, Forest Campus, Coimbatore.

The Valedictory function was conducted on 28th February 2015. Shri. M. Maria Dominic, Scientist, welcomed the gatherings and asked the participants feedback about the training programme. Dr. S. Murugesan, Head Bioprospecting Division and Director incharge 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 visit. The participants suggested for conducting the training programme every year for one week duration.



Inaugural Session



Shri. M. Maria Dominic Savio, Scientist & Co-ordinator of the training programme welcomed the gathering



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



Dr. T. S. Ashok Kumar, Principal, Central Academy of State Forest Service, Coimbatore delivering inaugural address



Vote of thanks proposed by Dr. R. Yasodha, Scientist & Head Biotechnology Division, IFGTB



Participants group photo



Class room session



Class room session by Dr. K. K. Seethalaxmi, Scientist (Retd),KFRI, Peechi



Valedictory function



Dr. S. Murugesan, Scientist & Director incharge, giving away certificate to participant