

**Note on two days Training on ‘Innovative Techniques in Urban Forestry’
organized by IFGTB on 01.03.12 and 02.03.12**

The Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore organized training on **‘Innovative Techniques in Urban Forestry’** for the officials of Highways department, forest department and NGOs, funded by the Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai on 01.03.12 and 02.03.12. The aim of the training was to create a platform to pool knowledge and experiences in the field of Urban Forestry and to impart the same to the practicing foresters, officials of Highways Department, Public Works Department, residential colony associations and NGOs who are involved in urban tree planting. A total of 200 participants attended the training programme. Shri. R.S.C. Jayaraj, IFS, Head, Forestry, Land Use and Climate Change Division welcomed the participants. Shri. S.K. Shanmugha Sundaram, IFS, Head, Biodiversity Division gave a brief introduction about the training. Dr. N. Krishna Kumar, IFS, Director, IFGTB delivered the special address. The Chief guest for the first day on 01.03.12 was Shri. A.S. Balanathan, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Head of Forest Force and Chairman, Arasu Rubber Corporation Limited, Chennai, delivered the inaugural address.

The Chief guest for the second day on 02.03.12 was Dr. K.S. Neelakantan, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Working Plan), Tamil Nadu Forest Department and delivered the inaugural address. Dr. C. Buvaneshwaran, Scientist-D and Course Coordinator proposed the vote of thanks. Lectures were delivered by Dr. N. Krishnakumar, IFS, Director, IFGTB., Dr. S. Balaji, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director, Tamil Nadu Forest Academy., Shri. S.K. Shanmugha Sundaram, IFS, Head, Biodiversity Division, IFGTB., Er. R. Ilangovan, Executive Engineer, PWD., Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Professor and Head, Department of Floriculture and Landscaping, TNAU., Sh. R. Raveendran, Secretary, Residence Awareness Association of Coimbatore., Dr. C. Buvaneshwaran, Scientist-D, IFGTB and Dr. A.C. Surya Prabha, Scientist-C, IFGTB. The topics covered were Overview of Urban forestry, Legal framework for the protection of urban environment, role of trees in abatement of pollution, establishment and management of urban gardens, research and development in urban forestry, soil for successful urban forestry. The lecture session was followed by panel discussion where recommendations were arrived for successful urban greening. Certificate of participation were distributed to all the participants.