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WEBINAR ON FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES AND THEIR IMPORTANCE

Conducted by

Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore

On 6.10.2021

Report

The Webinar on “Forest Genetic Resources and Their Importance” was organized by the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding on 6th October 2021. This webinar was conducted in collaboration with NGOs namely, Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement (OISCA) and Centre for Urban Biodiversity Conservation and Education (CUBE), Coimbatore. Thirty three participants who were conservationists, NGOs, teachers and students attended the webinar. The program started with introductory remarks by Dr.C.Kunhikannan, Director, IFGTB, in which he highlighted the need for awareness on FGRs among the public in the event of commemorating 75th year of Indian Independence. Followed by this, Dr. N. Krishna Kumar I.F.S., (Retd.) & President, OISCA (South India Chapter), delivered a special address on the status of FGRs at both global level and Indian context. He emphasised the need for a Bureau for FGR conservation similar to Plant Genetic Resources Bureau for agricultural species. Dr.R.Anandalakshmi, Scientist-F & Head – Forest Genetic Resources Management Division, IFGTB, made a presentation on the topic FGR and their importance. The difference between the concept of biodiversity conservation and FGR conservation was clearly explained along with various conservations strategies for FGRs and role of conservationists, NGOs, students in co-ordination with researchers and foresters were emphasised. The interaction session was lead by Dr.R.Yasodha, Scientist-G & Group Co-ordinator Research-IFGTB. Queries from participants on aspects such as, species site matching, tree planting along national highways, composition of species & accessions required for a planting activity, seed sources and quality planting material were raised and the same were clarified by IFGTB. The Webinar was concluded with Vote of thanks by the organizer Dr.R.Anandalakshmi.

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Special Address by Dr.N.Krishna Kumar, I.F.S. (Retd.) and President, OISCA (South India Chapter)



Presentation on FGR & their importance by Dr.R.Anandalakshmi



Interactive session lead by Dr.R.Yasodha



Interaction by participants

