

STUDENTS AWARENESS PROGRAMME: ONLINE ACTIVITY UNDER PRAKRITI

The Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding, Coimbatore organized an online awareness programme in collaboration with the CUBE, Coimbatore under “PRAKRITI” for the college students on 26.10.2022. Students from 22 different colleges of Coimbatore *viz.*, Government Arts College, Sri Krishna Arts and Science College, Sri Ramakrishna College, Sri Sakthi Engineering College, etc. participated in the programme. The main aim of this programme was to create environmental conservation awareness among the students. A brief introduction about the “PRAKRITI” program of IFGTB and its research contribution towards environment and society was given by B. Sunitha, Chief Technical officer. The participants were also briefed about the biodiversity and environmental issues in conservation.

Dr. S. P. Subramani, Chief Technical officer, Forest ecology & climate change division, IFGTB gave a lecture on “Biodiversity Conservation and Utilization”. In his speech, he explained about the definition of biodiversity, different levels of diversity and quantitative description of the different plant species. Also, the speaker told about different forest types and its vegetative zonation and distribution of plants in various places. He briefed about the preservation of genetically improved trees, medicinal uses of plants and its importance to human beings. The roles of biodiversity in various aspects like industry, agriculture, conservation, ecology were explained in detail.

