



## **ICFRE-INSTITUTE OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY (IFB), HYDERABAD**

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### **A report on the Training program on Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) Collection & Value Addition at ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad.**

ICFRE-Institute of Forest Biodiversity (IFB), Hyderabad organized a training program on NTFP's collection & value addition under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on 09<sup>th</sup> February 2023. A total of 46 BSc-3<sup>rd</sup> Year-Agriculture Students from Malla Reddy University, Hyderabad participated in the program.

Shri E. Venkat Reddy, IFS, Director, IFB gave the welcome address and inaugurated the program. He enlightened us about the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav activities organized by ICFRE-IFB. He expressed his views and shared knowledge with participants on Biodiversity Act, Biological diversity rules and regulations, Species diversity, Ramsar convention, Invasive species and control, Cartagena protocols on biosafety, The Nagoya protocol on access and benefit-sharing, Forest right act, Importance of conservation of biological resources, Sustainable use of biological resources, Indigenous knowledge, Plant protect act, Importance of NTFPs collection and value addition, etc.

After the interactive session, Dr. Kavi Sidharthan, Sc-B, IFB gave the presentation on IFB. He enlightened us about the ICFRE-Institute of Forest Biodiversity, ICFRE and its activities related to Research including AICRPs, Extension, and Consultancy Projects.

After the presentation, Shri M. Sagar, TC & Shri E. Manikanta Reddy, TC presented about "Economically important NTFPs of Telangana". They expressed their views and shared knowledge with participants on the NTFP species identification, Tree selection, Morphology, Flower & seed collection, Harvesting, processing, Value addition, Marketing process,

Utilization of NTFPs, prevailing Indigenous Traditional knowledge, etc.

Further, Shri N. Yuvaraj Praveen, TA, IFB made a presentation on Important NTFP species & Seed Management. He also highlighted the Site selection, Plant choice, Seed collection, Seed extraction, processing & Handling techniques, Seed quality evaluation through seed testing, Seed dormancy and other seed parameters, Seed storage, Insect pests of seeds and their management, Seed certification, etc.

These sessions were followed by a biodiversity walk conducted with the help of Shri M. Sagar, TC & Shri E. Manikanta Reddy, TC at the IFB campus. The biodiversity walk aims to generate hands-on training on species identification, classification, and identifying local flora and its importance NTFPs in and around the IFB campus. The biodiversity walk included visit to Nurseries, Field experiment sites, and Entomology, Soil, and NTFP Research Laboratories and processing, Value addition & live demonstration of NTFP species and products, etc.

Students were enthusiastic in learning about NTFPs. The program ended with the thanks note by Shri E. Manikanta Reddy, who was coordinating the program.



# Glimpses of the Program



