

## **TRAINING PROGRAMME ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY ACT-2002**

*(Sponsored by the National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai)*

The two day training programme on '**Biological Diversity Act-2002**' for University/College Teachers and officials of Tamil Nadu Forest Department was held in IFGTB, Coimbatore on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2014. The training was attended by 22 participants from University/College and officials of the Forest Departments of Eastern and Southern regions of Tamil Nadu.

The inaugural session was started with an invocation by Dr. Kannan C. S. Warriar. Shri. T.P. Raghunath, IFS, Group Co-ordinator (Research) welcomed the gathering. An overview of the training was given by Dr. K.Panneer Selvam, the Programme Co-ordinator. Dr. N. Krishna Kumar, IFS, Director, IFGTB delivered the presidential address. The training was inaugurated by Dr. Aruna Basu Sarcar, IFS, Director, Tamil Nadu Forest Academy and she also released a Pictorial Guide on Butterflies of Forest Campus, Coimbatore. Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Head, Biodiversity Division proposed the vote of thanks.

Five class room sessions, covering various topics such as Biological Diversity in India, Biological Diversity Act-2002, Access and Benefit Sharing, People's Biodiversity Register, Intellectual Property Rights and Biodiversity were conducted on 13.03.2014. These sessions were handled by experts on each topic.

A field visit to Singapathi - a tribal village situated at the foot hills of Siruvani, Coimbatore was also arranged on 14.03.2014 as part of the training programme to have an exposure to the traditional knowledge available with the tribal group and interacting with these communities.

A panel discussion on selected topics was organized for better interaction and exchange of thoughts among the participants. The panel discussion was chaired by Dr. N. Krishna Kumar, IFS, Director, IFGTB, Coimbatore.

There was very good involvement and interactions among the participants during the entire training programme. Many of the participants opined that more and more such training should be arranged for wider audience including students. Certificates were issued to the participants during the Valedictory Session.



Inauguration - Lighting the lamp by Chief Guest and Training Co-ordinator



Address by Dr. Aruna Basu Sarcar IFS, Chief Guest and Dr. N Krishna Kumar IFS, Director, IFGTB



Inauguration and Welcome Address





Release of Pictorial Guide on Butterflies of Forest Campus, IFGTB, Coimbatore



Group Photo at IFGTB



Field Visit in Biodiversity Rich Area



Interaction with Tribal Community at Singapathi village





Active Group Discussion



Valedictory function chaired by Dr. N. Krishna Kumar, IFS



Certificate Distribution

