

# **TRAINING ON PLANT TAXONOMY**

## **INSTITUTE OF FOREST GENETICS AND TREE BREEDING**

### **COIMBATORE**

**Date: 23.02.2015 to 25.02.2015 (1<sup>st</sup> Batch)**

A three day's training programme on 'Plant Taxonomy' for skill upgradation of University /College/ School teachers and Research Scholars working in the field of Biodiversity/Taxonomy was conducted in IFGTB from 23<sup>rd</sup> February to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015 (1<sup>st</sup> Batch). The programme was sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India. During the Inaugural function, Dr. C.Kunhikannan, Head, Biodiversity Division and Co-ordinator of the training programme welcomed the gathering. Dr. R.S.Prashanth, IFS, Director of IFGTB delivered the presidential address. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr.A.N.Henry, Joint Director (Retd.), Botanical Survey of India, Southern Regional Centre, Coimbatore. Dr.K.R.Sasidharan, Scientist-E, Biodiversity Division proposed vote of thanks.

A total number of 32 participants from various universities, colleges, schools and research institutions in Tamil Nadu and Kerala attended the training under this programme. Eight class room sessions were conducted on topics such as Plant Diversity of India, Plant Morphology, Fundamentals of Plant Classification, International Code of Nomenclature for Algae, Fungi and Plants (ICN), Grass Diversity, Application of DNA Barcoding in Taxonomy, Bryophyte Taxonomy and Pteridophyte Taxonomy, during this programme. Visit was arranged for the participants to the Herbarium of the Botanical Survey of India (Acronym: MH), Southern Regional Centre, Coimbatore. The participants were also taken for field study tours to Silent Valley National Park, Palakkad District, Kerala State and Maruthamalai Hills, Coimbatore.

The Valedictory function was conducted on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Dr.K.R.Sasidharan, Scientist-E, Biodiversity Division welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. Murugesan, Head, Bioprospecting Division and Director (i/c) presided over the function. Dr. V. Irudayaraj, Associate Professor and well known Pteridologist, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu was the Chief Guest during the function and he delivered

the Valedictory Address. Dr. C.Kunhikannan, Head, Biodiversity Division and Co-ordinator of the training programme proposed the Vote of Thanks.

The training programme won high appreciation from the participants, both in terms of technical content and arrangements made for reception, transportation, boarding and lodging. The participants suggested for conducting the training programme every year, for one week duration, during the vacation time of educational institutions.



Inaugural Session



Shri R.S.Prashanth, IFS, Director, IFGTB delivering Presidential Address



Dr. A. N. Henry, Joint Director (Retd.), BSI (SRC) inaugurating the training



Releasing of the Training Manual by Dr. A. N. Henry



Dr. A. N. Henry, Joint Director (Retd.), BSI (SRC) delivering Inaugural Address



A class room session by Dr. N. Rama Rao, Scientist-G (Retd.), ICFRE



Field visit to Silent Valley National Park



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Valedictory Session



Dr. S .Murugesan, Scientist-G & Director (i/c) delivering Presidential Address



Dr. V. Irudayaraj, the Chief Guest delivering Valedictory Address



Dr. V. Irudayaraj, the Chief Guest giving away certificate to participant