



Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP)

“Quality Planting Material Producer (QPMP)” – Course I

Organized by

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Training on “Quality Planting Material Producer” (QPMP) under the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) of ENVIS India, MoEF&CC started at IFGTB, Coimbatore on 01.08.2018. Eighteen participants from various parts of the country have joined the Green Skill Development Programme being organised for 30 days. The participants are from New Delhi, West Bengal, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.



Dr A. Vijayaraghavan, Scientist - E, and Training in-charge welcomed the participants. He also gave a brief introduction about the course on “Quality Planting Material Producer” and explained the overall schedule of the course.



Shri. Rajesh Gopalan, IFS., Head of Division, Extension, IFGTB gave a presentation about Skill India Mission & GSDP. He also highlighted how the course was formulated and how it helps the participants to become an entrepreneur.

Dr. S. Murugesan, Group Coordinator Research, IFGTB in his opening remarks explained about how IFGTB and ENVIS Centres provide environmental information to decision makers, policy planners, scientists, engineers & research workers all over the country. He also emphasized the need for quality planting stock in the State and how the candidates should make use of the course to create quality nurseries to meet the demand of planting material throughout the country.



Dr Mohit Gera, IFS., Director, IFGTB, during his inaugural address, elaborated on the forest policy decision of enhancing forest and tree cover of the country to 33% which has to be outside forest area and hence a lot of demand for planting material, which justifies this course. He appreciated the participants for coming from various states and showing keen interest to participate in the course. He explained how the GSDP course will give an opportunity to create self employment for the candidates. He stressed that vulnerable areas in the nursery management should be identified and the gap may be filled by these type of skill development courses. He pointed out that the participants should utilize the available resources in the Institute and all should get trained professionally.



Dr Kannan C.S. Warriar, Scientist- F, Co-ordinator ENVIS & Nodal officer – GSDP proposed the vote of thanks. During his speech, he thanked Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GoI for sanctioning the course to IFGTB ENVIS.