

## Release of Natural Soap

### “ICFRE-Red Sandal Soap”

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at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Tirupathi

A natural-handmade soap was made using bark extract of red sanders *Pterocarpus santalinus* enriched with the bioactive compounds having antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory and anti-diabetic and antioxidant activities and Marotti (*Hydnocarpus pentandra*) seed oil which is being used in the treatment of leprosy, Eczema and leukoderma having 33 % presumed active agent “Hydnocarpic acid” with antibiotic properties by name “**ICFRE- Red sandal soap**” in four flavours viz. sandal, jasmine, tulsi and fragrant screw pine by Dr. N. Senthilkumar, Scientist as an output of the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) sponsored project “Bioprospecting potential of Red sanders, *Pterocarpus santalinus* Linn.f., with special reference to health care and skin care properties”. The natural-handmade soap “**ICFRE-Red sandal soap**” was released during the symposium on "Conserving Biodiversity of the Eastern Ghats: Challenges and way forward" & 3<sup>rd</sup> project review meeting organized by National Biodiversity Authority at Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh. Dr. V. B. Mathur, Chairman, NBA, Chennai released the soap and Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Director, IFGTB, Coimbatore introduced it. Dr. Justin Mohan, Secretary, NBA, Chennai, Dr. R.Yasodha, GCR, IFGTB, Coimbatore, Dr. Rekha R. Warriar, Shri Maria Domic Savio, Scientists, IFGTB, Coimbatore and the product developer Dr. N. Senthilkumar, Scientist, IFGTB, Coimbatore were present.

