



Green Skill Development Programmes (GSDP)

Organized by

ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement

Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding

(Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education)

Coimbatore

Inaugural Function

Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) on “Value Addition and Marketing of NTFPs – Bamboo Crafts” being organized by the ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement from 31.01.2022 to 18.03.2022 have commenced at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore.

Dr C. Kunhikannan, Director IFGTB inaugurated the training programme. He highlighted that GSDPs have been outlined to give a unique learning experience through focused interactions in the class room (30%) as well as hands-on exercises (70%). Green skills are regarded as skills for sustainability which are related to the technical skills, knowledge, values and attitudes needed in the work to develop and support sustainable social, economic and environmental outcomes, he added. The Director emphasized that this is an opportunity for the trainees to undergo this training programme and to increase bamboo plantation as well as their value additions and also urged the participants to make use of the training and become entrepreneurs.

Dr Kannan CS Warriar, Scientist F, ENVIS Coordinator and the Nodal Officer for the GSDPs explained that Green Skill Development Programmes of MoEFCC is an initiative for skill development in the environment and forestry sector to enable India's youth to get gainful employment and /or self-employment. Realizing the demand for green skilled youth the GSDP has been conceptualised and developed in MoEFCC in consultation with the National Skill Development Agency, the nodal agency for synergising skill development initiatives in the country under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. The programme endeavours to develop green skilled workers having technical knowledge and commitment to sustainable development which will help in the attainment of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), National Biodiversity Targets (NBTs) as well as Waste Management Rules (2016).

During her address Dr R. Yasodha, Scientist G and Group Coordinator Research spoke on the scope of green skill towards achieving the SDGs. She also urged the trainees to make use of the course and increase the scope of the bamboo by becoming entrepreneurs in order to meet the demand of bamboo and their value added products throughout the country.

Shri Mario Dominic Savio, Scientist E and Training in-charge briefed about the course and gave an overview of the training schedule. Dr S Vigneswaran, Senior Programme Officer ENVIS proposed the vote of thanks. 15 participants from various parts of the country are participating in the course.







