

IFGTB-ENVIS Activities during the SECAS exhibition at Palakkad Railway Station, Olavakkode

The Science Express Climate Action Special (SECAS) was stationed at the Palakkad Railway Station in Olavakkode, Kerala on 22.03.2016 and 23.03.2016. During the two-day exhibition, Team members from the ENVIS Centre on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement participated and associated with the event organizers as part of creating awareness to school, college students and public. Information boards were placed for display in the platform highlighting the following major components:

- General activity of ENVIS and significance of Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement.
- Awareness posters released so far.
- Information on publications/knowledge products released.
- Photo gallery of major activities.

The various visitors to our stall included school children, college students, teachers, parents and general public. The ENVIS Co-ordinator, Dr Kannan C.S. Warriar explained about the concept of ENVIS, various ENVIS Centres under MoEF&CC focal point, and importance of conserving the existing forest genetic resources to mitigate the fluctuating climatic conditions. He also briefed the various outreach activities carried out by IFGTB-ENVIS. On Day 1, a total of 1216 visitors turned on which include 827 general public, 87 students, 15 teachers and media persons. The ENVIS stall witnessed a large number of visitors (3085 visitors) during the second day including students from various schools, colleges, teachers, railway employees and general public.

Students from Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) and other colleges were supplied with ENVIS newsletters and awareness posters. The school children visited the stall with great enthusiasm. All the school children were supplied with the following IFGTB-ENVIS knowledge products:

- i) Environmental quiz booklet containing objective type questions along with keys.
- ii) Name-slips containing passport information about important tree species.
- iii) Calendar cards with a note on important days of environmental significance (observed by the United Nations).



