



Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP)

on

Forest Entomology and Pest Control

Organized by

ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement

Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding

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Coimbatore

Valedictory Function

The valedictory function of the Certificate Course on “Forest Entomology and Pest Control” under the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) organized by ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement at IFGTB was held on 23.12.2019. The function began with an Invocation on Nature in Sanskrit by Dr Kannan CS Warriar, Scientist F, Coordinator ENVIS and Nodal Officer, GSDP. Dr S. Vigneswaran, Programme Officer, ENVIS welcomed the gathering. Dr J.P. Jacob, Scientist G & Training in-charge presented an elaborate report on the GSDP. Training modules including theory, laboratory exercises, field visits and other research related activities during the course period were explained by him. Dr S. Murugesan, Director, IFGTB in his special address highlighted that insects are crucial components of many ecosystems, where they perform many important functions like pollination and controls harmful pests. Insects are the sole food source for many amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, he added. The Director urged the participants to become entrepreneurs and contribute towards maintaining environmental stability and ecological equilibrium. He also appreciated ENVIS India and ENVIS RP for the successful completion of the GSDP course. The Director distributed the course completion certificates to the participants and wished all success in their future endeavours. A slide show highlighting the activities carried out during the course was showcased by Dr T. Vamadevan, Information Officer and Shri V. Thangavel, IT Officer. In their feedback, the GSDP participants thanked ENVIS Secretariat, MoEF&CC, GoI for selecting them for the course and explained how the training module improved their skills and knowledge in the field of entomology and pest control in trees. They thanked the facilities provided by the institute and IFGTB ENVIS for meticulously organizing the programme. During his concluding speech, Dr Kannan C.S. Warriar, Scientist F, Co-ordinator ENVIS & Nodal officer, GSDP highlighted on the various GSDPs being implemented by ENVIS India and thanked ENVIS Secretariat, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GoI for sanctioning the course to IFGTB ENVIS. He expressed gratitude to the Director, Resource persons from various organizations and all the supporting staff for their contribution for successful completion of the course. He also thanked all the ENVIS staff for their involvement.







