

Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore

Swachh Bharat Mission One day training/Capacity building on “Development of compost out of waste involving tribal for their livelihood support”

The institute has organised one day training as part of “Swachh Bharat Mission” for the malayali tribes in Anamalai range of Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Pollachi (Taluk), Coimbatore district on 31st October, 2019 at IFGTB premises. The training was organised under the project sponsored by Natural Resource Data Management System (NRDMS-DST), Govt. of India New Delhi. Two women self help groups viz. **Vinayaga and Masani** consists of 15 women each were participated.

The bioproduct “**Tree Rich Biobooster**” (TRB), a well nourished comprehensive potting mix alternate to conventional potting mixture developed by IFGTB. IFGTB transfers the technology to improve the livelihood as an alternate source of income for the Women Self Help Groups (WSHGs) of malayali tribes who wholly depend on forests for their income.

Dr. S. Murugesan, Director and Scientist G, IFGTB, Coimbatore inaugurated the training program and motivated the tribals to learn the technology as their village has been selected for installation of the Coir pith disc making machine. Dr. N. Senthilkumar, Scientist É, and the Training Co-ordinator demonstrated each and every step of the technique with respect to development of the product and enable them to handle the machine individually. A team lead by Smt.R. Sumathi, CTO has given detailed demonstration on various stages and processes of product development. Dr. John Prasanth Jacob, Scientist G and Dr. A. Rajasekaran, Scientist E evaluated the tribals capacity to develop the TRB product.



Demo in Training centre - IFGTB