

**One day training/capacity building on
“Development of Tree Rich Biobooster using wood biomass and municipal wastes
involving tribes for their livelihood support”**

The Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore has organised one day training as part of “**Swachh Bharat Mission**” for the Irular tribes of Kondanur village, Anaikatti range, Coimbatore district on 23rd December, 2020 at Forest Campus, IFGTB, Coimbatore. The training was funded under the Natural Resource Data Management System, Department of Science and Technology (NRDMS-DST), Govt. of India New Delhi sponsored project. Twenty three members of a Women Self Help Group (WSHG) from Kondanur village participated in the training on the development of the bioproduct “**Tree Rich Biobooster**” (TRB), which is a well nourished comprehensive potting mix developed by the institute as an alternate to conventional potting mixture. The institute transfers the technology to improve the livelihood of Irular tribes inhabiting forest fringe villages, who depend mainly on forests for their livelihood. IFGTB also takes part in Swachh Bharat Mission for effective utilization of municipal wastes especially flower, fruits and vegetable wastes through composting.

Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Director, IFGTB, Coimbatore inaugurated the training program and motivated the tribals to develop their skills through trainings and to generate their alternate source of income. Shri S. Senthilkumar, IFS, GCR in his felicitation address encouraged the tribes to enrich their skills on the development of the product and he informed that TRB is one of the iconic product/technology of the institute with potential market value. Dr. N. Senthilkumar, Scientist-F, and the Training Co-ordinator demonstrated the various processes in the development of the “**Tree Rich Biobooster**” including selection of raw materials, processing, compost making and preparation of blocks. Shri G. Rajesh, IFS, Head, Extension Division interacted with the tribes and guided them to take further steps in this endeavor. Smt. R.Sumathi, CTO, Smt. R. Lakshmidevi, TO and research scholars of Chemistry and Bioprospecting Division were involved in the training.



Kondanur village tribes involving in the development of “Tree Rich Biobooster” during one day training at IFGTB on 23rd December, 2020