

SENSITIZATION COURSE IN FOREST, WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOR OFFICERS OF OTHER GOVT. DEPARTMENTS

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The three day 'Sensitization Course in Forest, Wildlife and Environmental Conservation for Group 'A' and Group 'B' Officers of Other Govt. Departments' was held in IFGTB, Coimbatore from 12th to 14th February 2014. It was attended by 23 participants from Tamil Nadu State Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Police; Central Govt. organizations like Indian Railways, Central Reserve Police Force and Sugarcane Breeding Institute.

The inaugural session started with an invocation by Dr. Kannan C.S. Warriar. Dr. K. R. Sasidharan welcomed the gathering. Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Head, Biodiversity Division gave an overview of the course. Dr. N. Krishna Kumar, Director and Shri T.P. Raghunath, Group Co-ordinator (Research) addressed the participants. Dr. G.V.S. Murthy, Joint Director, Botanical Survey of India, Coimbatore gave felicitations. The inaugural address was delivered by the Chief Guest, Dr. V.K. Melkani, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Project Tiger, Tamil Nadu Forest Department, Coimbatore. The Chief Guest also released the Training Manual as well as inaugurated the Demonstration Plot of Medicinal Plants established in the Botanical Garden of IFGTB. Shri V. Subramanian, Course Co-ordinator proposed vote of thanks.

Ten class room sessions were conducted covering various topics such as floral resources, wildlife resources, global warming and climate change, biodiversity conservation, role of other sectors in environmental conservation, environmental impact assessment, sustainable development, livelihood issues as well as constitutional and legal frame works related to forests, wildlife and environment. These sessions were handled by experts on each topic.

A field visit to Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala State was also organized for giving an overview of the conservation activities undertaken in the Protected Areas with the participation of local communities.

A Panel Discussion on selected topics was organized for close interaction and exchange of thoughts among the participants. The Panel Discussion was chaired by Dr. N Krishna Kumar, Director, IFGTB, Coimbatore.

There was very good involvement and interactions from the side of participants during the entire course.

Certificates were issued to the participants by Smt. Navita Singh, IRS, Chief Workshop Manager, Southern Railways during the Valedictory Session.



Inauguration by Lighting the lamp



Releasing of Training Manual



Inauguration of Medicinal plants Demonstration plot at IFGTB, Botanical Garden



Group photos in IFGTB and during field trip



Field trip to Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala



Panel Discussion and Certificate distribution

