

**TRAINING CUM DEMONSTRATION ON “BIO-FERTILIZER
PRODUCTION AND APPLICATION IN NURSERY AND FIELD”
CONDUCTED UNDER HILL AREA DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME (HADP), GOVT. OF TAMIL NADU**

A Training cum Demonstration on "Bio-fertilizer Production and Application in Nursery and Field" was organized by IFGTB, Coimbatore, at Council Meeting Hall, Panchayat Union Office, Gudalur, Nilgiris district, Tamil Nadu on 31st July, 2014. The training programme was funded by Hill Area Development Programme (HADP), Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

The Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB) has identified different beneficial microbes from various “Shola” forests in the Nilgiri Hills during the operation of the research project titled "Exploitation and utilization of beneficial micro flora from the sholas for restoration of degraded shola forests in the Nilgiri hills, Tamil Nadu" funded by the HADP. The field testing of these microbes has shown that many of them are effective as bio-fertilizer which can enhance the growth of shola species in the nursery condition. In order to transfer the technology to user groups the present training cum demonstration was organized. A total of 110 participants which include SFD officials, Farmers, Tree Growers and NGOs attended the training. A training manual in Tamil was also supplied to all the participants. Welcome address and overview of the training delivered by Dr. V. Mohan, Scientist – F and Training Co-ordinator, IFGTB. Shri. S.N. Thejasvi, I.F.S., District Forest Officer, Gudalur Division inaugurated the training programme and emphasized about the importance of bio-fertilizer application in agriculture, horticulture and forestry. He also underscored the necessity for adopting organic farming in the ecologically sensitive Nilgiri hills. The Training Co-ordinator explained different kinds of bio-fertilizers, their importance in production of quality planting stock and mass production techniques during his lecture. Hands on training on production and application of bio-fertilizers were also imparted to the participants during the training. Shri. S.N. Thejasvi, I.F.S., District Forest Officer distributed the Certificates and Bio-fertilizer sample packets to all the participants. The Training Co-ordinator proposed vote of thanks.



Invocation



Welcome address by Dr.V.Mohan, Scientist-F and Training Co-ordinator, IFGTB Coimbatore



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Inaugural address by Shri. S.N. Thejsavi, I.F.S., District Forest Officer, Gudalur



AM fungal Bio-Fertilizers developed by IFGTB and supplied to Forest officials, Farmers and other stake holders of Nilgiris District



Lecture about Bio-fertilizers & its importance and application methods by Dr.V.Mohan, Scientist-F and Training Co-ordinator, IFGTB, Coimbatore



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Demonstration about AM fungal bio-fertilizer production



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Hands on training about bio-fertilizer production to SFD officials and Farmers



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Certificate distribution by the Chief Guest Shri. S.N. Thejsavi, I.F.S., District Forest Officer, Gudalur, Nilgiri Hills



Vote of Thanks by Dr.V.Mohan, Scientist-F and Training Co-ordinator, IFGTB, Coimbatore



Training ended with National Anthem