

## One day training on

### **“Capacity building on the development of Tree rich biobooster to Irular tribes in forest fringe villages of Coimbatore, Tamilnadu: An alternate source of livelihood support”**

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at

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

The Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore, has developed bio-product namely **Treerich Biobooster**, an alternate to potting mixture for raising nursery. The tree rich biobooster is fully organic, developed based on coconut fibre waste (available in plenty locally and cost effective) duly decomposed with suitable microorganisms. The biobooster is nutrient rich, organic, ecofriendly cost effective, hence received overwhelming response from various stakeholders. Therefore, IFGTB would like to scale it up through Women Self Help Groups (WSHGs) of Irular tribes those who are fully depend on forest for their livelihood. In order to reduce the pressure on forest and forest produce, capacity building on the developed technology will be of alternate source for their income and livelihood as well. Therefore, one day training on the development of biobooster has been imparted to WSHGs of Irular tribes inhabiting in forest fringe village, Palamalai in Coimbatore District. There were 18 Irular Tribes from Palamalai village participated the training. The training includes selection of raw material, processing, evaluation and preparation of disc using coir pit disc making machine. WSHGs were given hands on training to operate the coir pith disc making machine. The training was conducted as a component in the project entitled “Transfer of products/technology on biobooster to Irular tribes in forest fringe villages of Coimbatore, Tamilnadu: An alternate source of livelihood support” sponsored by Natural Resource Data Management System (NRDMS-DST), Govt. of India New Delhi. This is an approach towards the livelihood support to Irular tribes in forest fringe villages to alleviate poverty. The consumers such as farmers, State Forest Departments, Forest Development Corporations and plantation companies may benefit through increased productivity through organic farming. Shri. R.S. Prashanth, IFS, Director inaugurated the training and insisted the WSHGs to develop their skill through such training and slowly reduce their dependency on forests and create their own income generation. State Forest Departments will procure planting stock from such trained WSHGs for their plantation programme in future, hence such training may fulfil this demand. He also informed that this initiative may lead to impart extensive training to refine your skills in future too. Shr. S. Senthilkumar, IFS, Head, Extension Division appreciated the trainees for their active participation. Dr. N. Senthilkumar, Scientist É and the Training Co-ordinator briefed the importance of the training and provided hands on training to the WSHGs. The training programme concludes with the formal vote of thanks by the training co-ordinator.





