



## Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP)

Organized by

**ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement**

**Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding**

**(Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education)**

**Coimbatore**

### Inaugural Function on Plant Tissue Culture Techniques and its Applications

The second batch of the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) on “Plant Tissue Culture Techniques and its Applications” being organized by the ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement from 07.02.2022 to 18.03.2022 has commenced at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore.

Dr C. Kunhikannan, Director IFGTB inaugurated the training programme. He highlighted that GSDPs have been outlined to give a unique learning experience through focused interactions in the class room (30%) as well as hands-on exercises (70%). Green skills are regarded as skills for sustainability which are related to the technical skills, knowledge, values and attitudes needed in the work to develop and support sustainable social, economic and environmental outcomes, he added. The Director emphasized the role of tissue culture in producing quality planting stock and also urged the participants to make use of the training and become entrepreneurs.

Dr Kannan CS Warriar, Scientist F, ENVIS Coordinator and the Nodal Officer for the GSDPs explained that Green Skill Development Programmes of MoEFCC is an initiative for skill development in the environment and forestry sector to enable India's youth to get gainful employment and /or self-employment. Realizing the demand for green skilled youth the GSDP has been conceptualised and developed in MoEFCC in consultation with the National Skill Development Agency, the nodal agency for synergising skill development initiatives in the country under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. The programme endeavours to develop green skilled workers having technical knowledge and commitment to sustainable development which will help in the attainment of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), National Biodiversity Targets (NBTs) as well as Waste Management Rules (2016).

Dr Rekha R Warriar, Scientist F and Training in-charge briefed about the course and also highlighted the scope of the tissue culture plantlets. Scientists and technical staff of the Institute and experts from other institutions are acting as resource persons. Dr S Vigneswaran, Senior Programme Officer ENVIS proposed the vote of thanks.







