



Green Skill Development Programmes (GSDP)

Organized by

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Inaugural Function

Three Green Skill Development Programmes (GSDP) being organized by the ENVIS Centre on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement have commenced at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore. Participants numbering 50 from different states of India are being trained on (1) Quality Planting Material Producer (2) Forest Entomology and Pest Control and (3) Plant Tissue Culture and its Applications. All these training programmes are free of cost with boarding, lodging and training kit. These trainings shall last for 30, 27 and 40 working days respectively. Certificate from the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) shall be awarded to those who successfully complete the programmes. Educational qualification for Quality Planting Material Producer is 10th pass while the other two courses are targeted for life science graduates.

IFGTB Director Dr C. Kunhikannan inaugurated the training programmes. 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%). Dr Kunhikannan shared how Gregor Mendel, became a famous Biologist and Scientist by discovering the basic principles of heredity through experiments in his garden. 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 also urged the participants to 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 Kannan CS Warriar, Dr John Prasanth Jacob and Dr Rekha R Warriar are the Training in Charges. Scientists and technical staff of the Institute and experts from other institutions are acting as resource persons. Dr S Vigneswaran, Programme Officer ENVIS proposed the vote of thanks.







