



Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP)

on

Forest Entomology and Pest Control

Organized by

ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement

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Inaugural Session

A Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) on “Forest Entomology and Pest Control” is being organized by the ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement at IFGTB, Coimbatore. The GSDP is for a period of 27 working days, from 22nd November to 23rd December 2019.



The proceedings began with an invocation on nature by Dr Kannan C.S. Warriar, Scientist F, Coordinator ENVIS & Nodal Officer, GSDP.



Dr J.P. Jacob, Scientist G, Head, Chemistry & Bio-prospecting Division and Training in-charge welcomed the gathering. He presented an introduction about Forest entomology and pathology and explained in detail the schedule of the course.



During the self-introductory session, the candidates explained why they have chosen this GSDP. They also explained their future plans on completion of the course and thanked the MoEF&CC and IFGTB ENVIS for providing the opportunity to join in this course.



Dr S.Murugesan, Director, IFGTB inaugurated the Green Skill Development Programme on Forest Entomology and Pest Control.





Dr S. Murugesan, Director, IFGTB, during his inaugural address, explained the basics of entomology and the role played by the entomologists in safeguarding the economy of the country. He highlighted that the trainees should become professional entomologists and have to contribute to the betterment of humankind by understanding the role of insects in the spread of various diseases and discovering ways of protecting cash crops, and livestock. He urged the participants to study how beneficial insects contribute to the well being of the ecosystem. He also highlighted the need of controlling harmful insects. He stressed that there is a huge demand for certified entomologists in various departments. He emphasized on the need for creating public awareness about insects in general.





Dr Kannan C.S. Warriar, Scientist F, Coordinator ENVIS & Nodal officer, GSDP gave an insight into various forest plantations in India and benefits & threats faced by operational clonal forestry programmes. He also explained the role of entomologists in monitoring forest health. He invited active participation from the candidates in making use of this course for building their career and to contribute towards maintaining healthy ecosystem. He thanked the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India for sanctioning the course to IFGTB ENVIS. He also expressed his gratitude to ENVIS India for the support. He thanked all the resource persons, supporting staff and ENVIS team.



