



# Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) Quality Planting Material Producer

Organized by

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## Inaugural Function

A Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) on “Quality Planting Material Producer” is being organized by the ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement at IFGTB. The GSDP is for a period of 30 working days, from 3<sup>rd</sup> February to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Dr Kannan C.S. Warriar, Scientist F, Co-ordinator ENVIS, Nodal Officer, GSDP and Training in-charge welcomed the gathering and presented an overview about the Green Skill Development Programmes.



He detailed the overall schedule and gave an insight to the entire curriculum of the GSDP on Quality Planting Material Producer. He also explained how this GSDP course has been framed to create self employment opportunity for the candidates.

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 for providing the opportunity to join in this course.



Dr. S.Murugesan, Director, IFGTB, inaugurated the GSDP.







During his inaugural address, Dr. S. Murugesan, spoke on the need for increasing the tree cover at least in one third of our geographical area whereas the demand for timber, fuel-wood, and pulpwood is rapidly escalating. At present, only up to 30-40% of the demand for quality planting material is being met by the existing registered nurseries; the rest are met from the unorganized sectors. There is an urgent need for establishing more certified nurseries to meet the demand for the quality planting stock, he added. He also emphasized how the candidates should make use of the course to create quality nurseries by becoming entrepreneurs in order to meet the demand of superior planting stock throughout the country.



Dr S. Vigneswaran, Programme Officer delivered the vote of thanks. During his speech, he thanked Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Gol for sanctioning the course.

