

Training on Nursery Management at FRI from June 27 to 30

A short-term training on 'Forestry Management' for field staff of Indian Farm Forestry Development Cooperative Limited (IFFDC) is being conducted for three days in the Silviculture Division of Forest Research Institute. In this programme, 25 personnel of IFFDC from the states of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan are participating.

During the inauguration of the training course, Chief Guest Dr. Neelu Gera, head Silviculture Division said that IFFDC is doing commendable work on afforestation and development of wasteland through tree plantation and also contributing towards enhancing the socio-economic status of rural poor through sustainable natural resource management by collective action of the society. This training would provide scientific inputs on nursery raising and plantation management.

Dr. Deepti, executive IFFDC told about various plantations activities of IFFDC in stakeholder states in India and briefly explained about the afforestation and farm-forestry activities of IFFDC. She said that the co-operative had developed thousands of hectares of wastelands as farm forestry in different states, thus providing employment opportunities to marginalised sections of society.

Ashish Kumar, coordinator IFFDC conveyed the active involvement of civil societies in IFFDC programmes.

Earlier Dr. Ombir Singh, course coordinator gave a detailed report of the course and told that more emphasis is being given to practical exposure in nursery and plantation activities. The training module includes the techniques of seed handling and dormancy pre-treatments, seed storage, different agroforestry models, nursery techniques of important tree species of UP, MP and Rajasthan, medicinal plants in agroforestry with practical exposure in nursery and field. The training lectures also include soil fertility management in nursery and plantations, afforestation of difficult sites and management of fungal and insect-pest diseases in nursery and plantations.

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