



ICFRE-INSTITUTE OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY, HYDERABAD

Report on Visit of MANAGE-Trainees, Odisha to ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad on 19-11-2024.

ICFRE-Institute of Forest Biodiversity organized a half-day training program for 50 participants, including Horticulture Extension Personnel and farmers from the Government of Odisha, on November 19, 2024. The event was conducted as part of their training program under the **National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad**, and was held at the Extension Building of ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad.

Ms. Aryama Mishra, Scientist-B at the ICFRE-IFB, provided an overview of the institute's activities, highlighting its research initiatives, extension services, All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRPs), and consultancy projects. Her presentation emphasized IFB's efforts in studying, conserving, and managing forest biodiversity. She discussed the institute's work on forest ecosystem research, conservation strategies, and the promotion of sustainable forest management practices.

Dr. Shivaprasad K M, Scientist-B at the ICFRE-IFB, delivered a detailed presentation on "**Quality Planting Material Production in Nursery.**" He emphasized the importance of using genetically improved, disease-free, and healthy planting material for achieving high productivity. He explained that healthy plants free from pests and diseases are more likely to establish well, grow vigorously, and yield better results. By focusing on producing disease-free and genetically uniform planting material, stakeholders can reduce the risk of crop failures, prevent pathogen spread, and avoid economic losses. Furthermore, high-quality planting material enhances agricultural productivity by improving crop growth, resilience to adverse conditions, and reducing the need for chemical inputs, and contributes to long-term food security.

The session was followed by a biodiversity walk aimed at raising awareness about biodiversity conservation and identifying local flora in and around the ICFRE-IFB campus by institute technical staff. These walks included visits to nurseries, field experiment sites, and various laboratories, such as the Soil, Entomology, and NTFP Research Laboratories.

The overall program was coordinated by, Extension Division Team, ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad.

Glimpses of the Program

