

**TRAINING ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY ACT, 2002**  
**17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016**  
**Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding**  
**Coimbatore**

India is one of the 17 megadiverse countries of the world, having rich biological resources with present and potential value. The country is also a signatory to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) which emphasises conservation of biological diversity, sustainable use of its components and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the genetic resources. As a follow up of CBD signed at Rio de Janeiro in 1992, the Govt. of India enacted an umbrella legislation called 'Biological Diversity Act, 2002' in the same lines of CBD. This act has also created the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), located in Chennai, State Biodiversity Boards (SBB) in each State and Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) at Local Self Government (LSG) level.

In order to create awareness on this important Act, the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore is organizing three days training on 'Biological Diversity Act, 2002' for the faculty of universities and colleges, scientists and research scholars, from Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry, during 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016. The training is sponsored by the National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai.

A total number of 30 participants are expected to attend the training programme. It will cover topics such as Overview of Biological Diversity of India, Biodiversity Act, 2002 and Biological Diversity Rules, 2004, Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing, Preparation of People's Biodiversity Register, Intellectual Property Rights on Biological Resources, Biodiversity and Bioprospecting and Traditional Knowledge on Medicinal Plants.