

## Training on 'Familiarising with Biodiversity: Systematics of plants and insects' begins

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FIVE days training on 'Familiarising with Biodiversity: Systematics of plants and Insects' was initiated at Tropical Forest Research Institute" from November 3, 2014 and will continue upto November 5.

The training intended to familiarise the students to local biodiversity, field methodology for sampling biodiversity, introduce students and professionals to basic taxonomic procedures to enable them to carry out whatever taxonomic writing they need in their studies or careers. Dr U Prakasham, Director, TFRI welcomed participants and aspiring Taxonomists from different parts of the country. He told that the conservation of biodiversity is the need of the hour to maintain the ecological balance in nature and the goal of conservation can be achieved through sensitiza-

tion of the people about the native biodiversity and their structural and functional role in the ecosystem. He opined that there is need of an integrated approach for studying biodiversity at ecosystem level. Dr Prakasham appreciated the initiatives taken by biodiversity division in this direction. He appreciated the course content and told the house that the training will be useful to workers in most fields of biology; it will be most valuable to ecologists, field biologists and other who encounter new taxa in the course of their research. Dr P B Meshram presented vote of thanks to the members of organising committee for their efforts towards making the training successful. The programme was successfully conducted by Dr Fatima Sirin, senior scientist of TFRI. During the event, Head of all divisions, Scientists, Officers and staff of the institute were present.