



Javadekar Launches Book on Impact of Climate Change

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Coimbatore: A book about the impact of climate change on Shola Trees in Nilgiris, titled 'Pictorial Guide on Shola Trees' was released by union environment and forests minister Prakash Javadekar, on Tuesday. The minister also released a new organic growth enricher on the same day.

The book authored by scientists S Jeevith, S P Subramani and Rekha R Warriar from the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), is a product of a study by the scientists on the impact of climate change on the trees.

"The book is an attempt to present the various tree species available in the lush green valleys of the Nilgiris to nature lovers, who are not trained in taxonomic botany," said one of the authors, Rekha Warriar.

"Each page is devoted to a species, providing certain basic information about where it can be observed and its characteristic features," she said.

The minister also released a product called 'Vermico-IPM'. Vermico-IPM is a nutrient enricher potting medium made up of ecofriendly low cost organic

materials for fast growing tree species. Bioboosters are easy to use, portable, safe, plant defensive, and an effective alternate for the production of vigorous planting resources. The minister also discussed research and extension related activities taken up by IFTGTB. They discussed the growing interest of farmers in tree cultivation. "He reportedly lauded the efforts of the Institute in catering to the requirements of the farming communities as well as addressing the issues of climate change," said a press statement from IFGTB.

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