

IIPMB hosted the General Managers and Registrars from the Directorate of Plantations, Government of Kerala, for a four-day Management Development Program titled “Capacity Building Programme on Plantation Sector: Current Scenario, Opportunities and Way Forward.”

The program was inaugurated with keynote addresses by **Dr. S. Senthil Kumar**, Director, IIPMB, and **Mr. Santhosh Kumar**, CEO & Director, HML, setting the context for leadership, governance, and the evolving plantation sector.

Expert sessions were delivered by Dr. Senthil Kumar R (IIHR, Bengaluru), Mr. B. N. Jha (Spices Board of India), Dr. Saurabh Bhattacharjee (NLSIU), Dr. T. Siju (Rubber Board of India), Dr. D. R. Babu Reddy (Coffee Board of India), and Mr. R. Selvam (Tea Board of India), offering insights into research, policy frameworks, market dynamics, and crop-specific development strategies.

The program was coordinated by Dr. Archana Thulaseedharan, Faculty – OB & HR, IIPMB, ensuring a structured learning experience.



The program concluded with a valedictory session addressed by Mr. Kurma Rao M, IAS, CEO & Secretary, Coffee Board of India, who also distributed certificates to the participants.

