## Capacity building programme organised

Refresher cum skill upgradation programmes were conducted for technical and skilled supporting staff during 16-19 March, 2016. The programme started with welcome given by Dr. C.Chandrasekhara Rao, Nodal Officer, PME Cell. Later, Dr. D. Damodar Reddy, Director, ICAR-CTRI has given the introductory address. In his address, Dr. Reddy emphasized the need for skill upgradation of the existing staff. He suggested the participants to enquire about and have knowledge of the methods they are employing in day to day research activities. The Heads of Divisions of ICAR-CTRI Dr. S. Kasturi Krishna, Dr. C.Chandrasekhara Rao, Dr. K. Sarala and Dr. U. Sreedhar acted as Resource Persons for the Training programmes. The programme was covered in three modules.

## **Module – I : (For Technical personnel engaged in field)**

Topics covered for technical personnel during the training are essentials of tobacco breeding: classical and contemporary approaches, agro techniques for yield and quality improvement of FCV tobacco, integrated management of pests and diseases of tobacco, management of resource constraints in tobacco for improving production efficiency and product quality etc.

## **Module – II : (For Skilled Supporting Staff engaged in labs)**

The Skilled Supporting staff are trained in laboratory management techniques, handling of leaf samples, precautions to be followed in labs, handling of hazardous chemicals, fire safety etc.

## **Module – III : (For Skilled Supporting Staff engaged in field operations)**

The topics covered under this module are techniques in nursery management, tray seedling production, field crop management, leaf harvesting, loading & unloading of barns, grading etc.

Both the categories of the employees actively and enthusiastically participated in the training programme. At the end of training, the participants expressed their satisfaction over the programme and felt that the topics covered in the training are very much useful in discharging their duties.