

## Nursery for Threatened Rain Forest Tree Species Restoration

The Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation and Research Department of Botany at MES Asmabi College officially inaugurated the seed germination center for threatened tree species. Seedlings of nine threatened (IUCN) tree species were successfully germinated this year to use in the identified restoration sites based on niche profiling and niche modelling. In collaboration with forest department and local community the restoration processes will be taken place. The rain forest tree species such as *Diospyros crumenata*, *Prioria pinnata*, *Hopea ponga*, *Hopea parviflora*, *Baccaurea courtallensis*, *Humboldtia vahliana*, *Aporosa bourdillonii*, *Syzygium occidentale* were produced more in number.

