



INSTITUTE OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY (IFB), HYDERABAD

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A report on Celebration of International Day of Biological Diversity at IFB, Hyderabad.

The Institute of Forest Biodiversity has celebrated International Biodiversity Day on 21st and 22nd May 2021. On 21st May 2021 ceremonial tree planting was done in the Institute of Forest Biodiversity campus. The plantation program was inaugurated by **Dr. Ratnaker Jauhari, IFS, Director, IFB**. Head of Office, GCR, DCF, and other Scientists and officials participated in the tree planting activity. An essay writing competition was also held on 21st May 2021 for the staff of IFB Hyderabad. Keeping in view the present Covid-19 pandemic situation, the guidelines of MoH & FW, GoI, and Telangana State Govt. were followed and neither participant from outside invited.

On 22nd May 2021 all the officers, scientists, staff, and officials participated in the webinar organized by ICFRE headquarters. The Institute of Forest Biodiversity also organized a webinar on 22nd May 2021 afternoon on the current year theme on International Biodiversity Day namely ***“We are part of the solution”***. The main objective of the celebration is to spread awareness about the importance of biodiversity conservation, management, and sustainability. A total 30 members of officials from IFB participated in the webinar.

Shri E. Venkat Reddy IFS, Head Extension division gave the welcome address. **Dr. Ratnaker Jauhari, IFS, Director** delivered the inaugural address. **Dr. Nalini Mohan, IFS, PCCF & Member Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Biodiversity Board** accepted the invitation of the Director and delivered the key note address on various biodiversity-related activities of the board.

The other participants who delivered their presentations on Biodiversity related issues include Shri Pravin H. Chawhaan, Scientist-G & GCR, Dr. S. Pattanaik, Scientist-F & Head Genetics and Tree Breeding Division, Dr. Arul Rajan, IFS, DCF, Shri Vinod Kumar, Scientist-B and Smt. Bharathi Patel, Scientist-B.

The following staffs have participated in an essay writing competition and the position they secured are as follows:

Participant	Position
B. Suryakiran	1
Krishan Hembram	2
Ragula Anil	3
Chinna	Consolation

The Webinar concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. V. Kavi Sidharthan, Scientist-B. All the programs in connection with World Biodiversity day were conducted successfully under the guidance of the Director, IFB, and have generated awareness among the staff of IFB on the importance of conservation of biodiversity. The overall program is coordinated by Shri Varun Singh, Technician & Shri E. Manikanta Reddy, Technician, Extension Division.

Glimpses of the programme

