



# GREEN DEEPAVALI AWARENESS PROGRAMME



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## **Green Deepavali Awareness by IFGTB ENVIS**

The ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore organized an awareness campaign on 03.11.2021 to spread the message on celebration of Green Deepavali following mandatory protocol to contain the spread of COVID-19.

Dr C. Kunhikannan, Director, IFGTB inaugurated the event. He explained that noises created by bursting crackers are not going to suddenly fall silent. Instead, we need to recognise that noise pollution is a serious health concern worthy of our attention, and find realistic and sustainable ways to manage and reduce it. Living organisms are made of the same components as all other matter, the preservation of a diversity of species is important to human beings, he added. Dr Kunhikannan also urged that as a responsible citizen and inhabitant of this planet, we have to make sure that no damages are caused to the environment. Director IFGTB wished a happy, safe and Green Deepavali and requested all to celebrate the festival without causing any threat to the environment.

During his awareness lecture, Dr Kannan CS Warriar, Scientist F and ENVIS Coordinator spoke on Air Quality Index (AQI) and the ill effects of air pollution caused due to stubble burning and bursting crackers. As for the general public, they usually will not be satisfied with raw data, time series plots, statistical analyses, and other complex findings pertaining to any research. However, the concept of AQI, that is defined as an overall scheme that transforms weighted values of individual air pollution related parameters into a single number is widely used for air quality communication and decision making in many countries, Dr Warriar added. Concerns over Particulate Matter levels in Indian cities being about 4-5 times higher than in many developed countries were also shared. Further, he pointed out that success of a nation to improve air quality depends on the support of its citizens who are well-informed about local and national air pollution problems and about the progress of mitigation efforts. He also urged all to celebrate Diwali in a greener way, as the country is suffering from the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, which is a respiratory disease.

Green Greetings on Green Deepavali Celebrations containing information on its need and the tips for celebrating the festival in a green way was released during the occasion and was electronically disseminated to students, public and all stakeholders. Dr S. Vigneswaran, Senior Programme Officer, ENVIS proposed the vote of thanks.









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**CELEBRATE ECO FRIENDLY DIWALI**

**IFGTB ENVIS** wishes you a  
**HAPPY DIWALI**

### *Tips to celebrate green diwali*

- Use traditional lightings
- Wisely dispose wastes after celebration
- Avoid plastics
- Adopt to eco-friendly gifts and decorating items
- Plant more trees
- Burst only green crackers if inevitable