



## INSTITUTE OF FOREST GENETICS AND TREE BREEDING COIMBATORE

**Celebration of International Day for Biodiversity-2022**

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The International Day for Biological Diversity is held on May 22 of every year to promote issues related to biodiversity and to raise awareness for its conservation. It is celebrated to commemorate the adoption of the Convention on Biological Diversity on May 22, 1992, at the Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit. The theme of International Day for Biological Diversity for 2022 is “Building a shared future for all life”. The theme was chosen to continue the developing momentum and support for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework at the forthcoming UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15).

Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Director, IFGTB inaugurated the function and highlighted that trees are the most precious gift given to mankind and it is our duty to preserve it. The destruction caused by humans can only be balanced through afforestation so each and every citizen should plant more trees and spread awareness about the conservation of the Biodiversity. Saplings of tree species like *Ficus racemosa* (Atti), *Ficus religiosa* (Arasu), *Pongamia pinnata* (Pungam), *Phyllanthus emblica* (Nelli), *Terminalia* sp., Red Tamarind tree etc., were planted in the Botanical garden by the Director, Scientists, Officers, Staff members and Research scholars. Dr. Rajasekaran, Head, FECC Division of the institute also delivered an awareness special podcast talk in the Rathinavani community Radio on the “Importance of International Day for Biological Diversity-2022 and the need for conservation of Biodiversity”.



**Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Director, IFGTB inaugurated the event**



**Dr. C. Kunhikannan, Director, IFGTB planting a sapling in the Botanical Garden**



**Dr. R. Yasodha, Scientist-G & GCR planting a sapling in Botanical Garden**



**A view of planting of sapling in the Botanical Garden**



**A view of planting of sapling by the staff in the Botanical Garden**