

## **Celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity 2014**

The International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD) is celebrated at Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore, on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014. The theme of IBD-2014 is 'Island Biodiversity', coinciding with the United Nation's declaration of the year 2014 as the 'International Year of Small Island Developing States' and the decision of the Conference of Parties (COP) to strengthen the implementation of the programme of work on Island Biodiversity.

The programme was started with an invocation to nature by Dr. Kannan C.S. Warriar and Dr. C.Kunhikannan welcomed the Chief Guest, resource persons and all other participants. Dr. N. Krishna Kumar, Director, IFGTB, Coimbatore gave a special address on the theme of the International Day for Biological Diversity- Island Biodiversity. The celebration was inaugurated by Dr. Manoj Kumar Sarkar IFS, CCF (WP), Tamilnadu Forest Dept. In the Inaugural speech, he mentioned that all the living things are also like human being having pain and emotions. He asked the students to respect all the living organisms and added that such respect only help to conserve biodiversity in true sense. After the inauguration, Dr. Girison George, Senior Scientist from Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi gave an elaborate talk on Island Biodiversity, the life on Island with special reference to Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Dr. P. Krishnan, Scientist E , National Centre for Sustainable coastal Management, gave a talk on various threat factors the Island biota faces and their impact on the whole ecology of marine and coastal environment. Dr. K.R. Sasidharan gave vote of thanks.

More than 300 participants, including officers, scientists and staff of IFGTB and other institutions, 88 members of National Green Corps and Eco Clubs from Coimbatore, Tirupur and Pollachi Educational districts, along with their coordinators, Students of Tamilnadu Agricultural University and nearby colleges and members of Forest Campus Nature Club, took part the celebration. Scientists and teachers were thrilled with the sensitization programme on "Island Biodiversity" and many acknowledged that this was their first understanding on the ecological significance of 'Island Biodiversity'. They profusely thanked ICFRE /IFGTB for having organized the International Day for Biological Diversity on Island Biodiversity. The PPTs on the subject, by experts, resulted healthy scientific interactions between the participants and experts.

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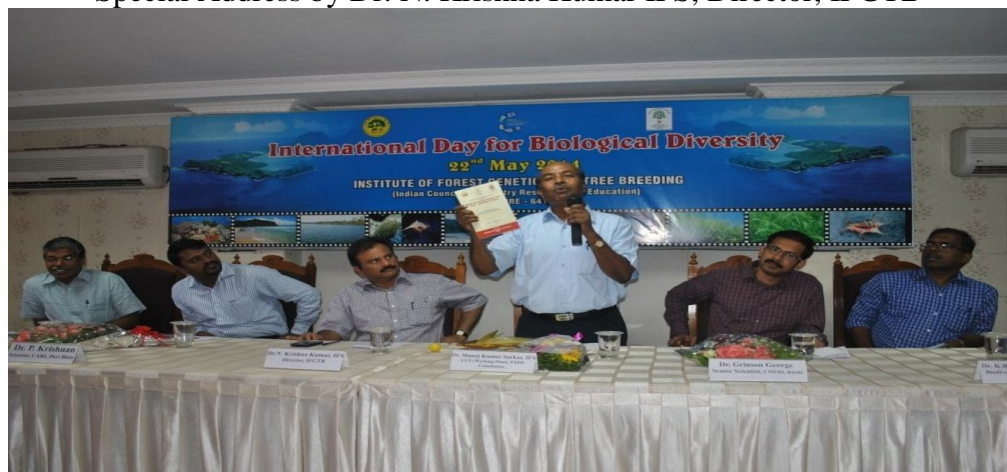
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Inauguration and welcoming Dr. Manoj Kumar Sarkar, IFS (CCF, Working Plan, Tamil Nadu) the Chief Guest



Special Address by Dr. N. Krishna Kumar IFS, Director, IFGTB



Inaugural Address by Dr. Manoj Kumar Sarkar, IFS, Chief Guest



Lectures on Island Biodiversity by Dr. Grinson George and Dr. P. Krishnan (Resource Persons)



Participants during lecture on 'Island Biodiversity: Documentation of Flora, Fauna, Threat and Conflict on Livelihood Options with Emphasis on Andaman and Nicobar Islands