

**A report on**  
**Celebrations of Vigilance Awareness Week 2015 at**  
**Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore**

As per the direction of Central Vigilance Commission, 'Vigilance Awareness Week' was observed from 26.10.2015 to 31.10.2015. The theme of observing the Vigilance Awareness Week for this year was "Preventive Vigilance as a tool of Good Governance". The Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore observed the Vigilance awareness week by conducting various events in the Institute. The Week began with the taking of "Vigilance Pledge" by the employees of the Institute to fight against corruption. The pledge was administered by Shri. R.S. Prashanth IFS, Director of the institute at 11.00 AM on 26.10.2015 in IFGTB, Coimbatore.



Essay competitions on "Preventive Vigilance as a tool of Good Governance" were organised for the staffs to express their opinion on the subject. The essay competitions in English was organised on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015 while in Tamil the competitions was held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015.



The competition was conducted by the Vigilance Officer and his team. Best writers were selected for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions in English and Tamil essay competitions.

The Valedictory function of the Vigilance Awareness Week was held on 30.10.2015 at 3.30 PM in the institute, Mrs. T. Rajashree, IRS, Deputy Commissioner, Central Excise and Customs, Coimbatore was invited for the talk on Good Governance. Dr B. Nagarajan, Scientist welcomed the chief Guest and all the participants. A brief account of the activities that took place during the Vigilance Awareness Week 2015 was spelt out to the guests by Dr. R. Vivekanandan, Vigilance Officer of the institute.



Dr S. Murugesan, Director In charge gave the Presidential Address on the occasion covering steps to implement Good governance. He mentioned that greediness, lack of ethics and lack of transparency are some of the factors responsible for corruption. He also narrated some stories which related to Good Governance. Further he added that simplification of procedures and processes in the Government is one of the important steps for good governance.

Prizes were distributed to the winners of the various competitions held during the Vigilance Awareness Week 2015 by Mrs. T. Rajashree, IRS Deputy Commissioner, Central Excise and Customs, Coimbatore, the chief guest of the function. During her valedictory address she

discussed about the various steps to be taken for good governance and to reduce corruption. She emphasized the need for keeping the transparency in administration, good governance, accountability, self-discipline, rotation of postings, zero tolerance corruption, surprise checks and peoples initiatives.



The function was concluded with the vote of thanks to one and all who had contributed in making the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week 2015 a grand success by Dr. A. Rajasekaran, Scientist of the institute.