

Report on Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week- 2016
Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore

As per direction of the Central Vigilance Commission, “Vigilance Awareness Week was observed from 31.10.2016 to 05.11.2016. The theme for this year was “**Public participation in Promoting Integrity and Eradicating Corruption**”. The Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore observed the Vigilance awareness week by conducting various events in the institute. The Awareness week began with taking “Vigilance Pledge” by the employees of the institute to fight against corruption. The pledge was administered by **Dr. S. Murugesan, Director In-charge** of the institute at 11.00 am on 31.10.2016 in IFGTB, Coimbatore.



Subsequently Essay Competitions in English and Tamil on the theme “**Public participation in Promoting Integrity and Eradicating Corruption**” and a Quiz competition on the topic “**Vigilance and Anticorruption measures**” were organized on 1st and 2nd November, 2016 for the staff of the Institute. The competitions were successfully conducted and evaluated by the following scientists, officers and technical staff of the Institute. The best writers were shortlisted for 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions both in English and Tamil and selected for award of prizes. Similarly, three best performed teams in the Quiz competition were also selected for award of I, II & III prizes. The competitions organized and the winners selected for award of prizes are as follows;



Details of events and Prize winners

Sl. No.	Name of the Events	Name and Designation of the Prize winners	Position
1	Essay competition in English	Smt. R. G. Anithaa, Research Assistant - II	I
		Shri. S. Ganesan, Lower Division Clerk	II
		Shri. K. Madhukannan, Storekeeper	III
2	Essay competition in Tamil	Shri. K. Madhukannan, Storekeeper	I
		Shri. P. Chitra, Junior Research Fellow	II
		Smt. N. Sudha, Research Assistant - II	III
		Shri. M. Priya, Junior Research Fellow	III
3	Quiz competition	Team – A	I
		Dr. A. Nicodemus, Scientist - F	
		Shri. M. Priya, Junior Research Fellow	
		Shri. M. Utchimahali, Junior Research Fellow	
		Team – B	II
		Shri. K. Vinothkumar, Junior Research Fellow	
		Shri. T. N. Jayaganesh, Junior Research Fellow	
		Shri. R. Arun, Field Assistant	
		Team – C	III
		Shri. K. Madhukannan, Storekeeper	
		Shri. G. Moulidharan, Multi-Tasking staff	
		Shri. S. Sethuvasan, Research Associate	

The Valedictory function of the Vigilance Awareness Week was held on 04.11.2016 at 4.30 PM in the institute auditorium. Mrs. Minu Pramod, IRS, Additional Commissioner of Central Excise, Coimbatore presided over the function in the presence of the Director, R.S. Prashanth, IFS, IFGTB, Dr. S. Murugesan, Scientist- G & Group Coordinator Research, Dr. A. Balu, Scientist – G & Vigilance Officer, Dr. B. Nagarajan, Scientist – F and Dr. A. Rajasekaran, Scientist – E.

Smt. R.G. Anithaa, R.A.II briefed the Chief Guest and audience about the activities that took place in the Institute during the Vigilance Awareness Week, 2016.



Dr.B.Nagarajan, Sci-F welcomed the Chief Guest and gatherings of the Valedictory function. Dr. A. Balu, Vigilance Officer, IFGTB presented a report on Vigilance Awareness Week observed at the Institute during 31st October to 4th November, 2016. He briefed the Chief Guest and gatherings about the importance of observance of Vigilance Awareness Week every year and the activities done at the Institute in connection with the Vigilance Awareness week -2016. Also conveyed the Vigilance and Anticorruption measures which have been adopted and implemented by the Institute to bring about transparency and promote integrity in the research and administrative activities being dealt.



On the occasion Dr. S. Murugesan, GCR talked about the causes of corruption. He opined that any disturbance in the thoughts leads corruption and also he pointed out that the corruption starts at home. Parents infuse corruption in the minds of children by the way of giving gifts and compliments for doing good things and excelling in studies. He also emphasized the need for teaching morality to the children at home and having subject on moral science at the educational Institutions.

Shri, R.S.Prashanth, IFS Director gave the Presidential Address on the occasion. In his speech he pointed out that the corruption does not mean only the monetary benefits and also the lacunae in following and implementing correct procedures in administration and day to day to official activities. He also cautioned that the elders should be cautious about committing mistakes and doing wrong things as the children are watching. He commented that the children are good observers. They practice what they observed from the elders. So, elders should be more cautious and responsible to teach the correct things and show the right paths to the children.



The Chief Guest, Mrs. Minu Pramod, IRS distributed prizes to the winners of various competitions held during the Vigilance Awareness Week, 2016 and delivered the Valedictory address. In the address she highlighted various means of corruptions which are taking place in the country and also commented that the corruption is done in many fancy and pet names. She opined that eradication of corruption is a difficult task and which can only be achieved when the public themselves realize the mistake and change. She also pointed out that the greed is the main culprit of the corruption.



The function was concluded with the Vote of thanks proposed by Dr.A. Rajasekaran, Scientist of the institute.