



Celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity 2025

The United Nations adopted May 22nd as the International Day for Biological Diversity to raise awareness about the importance of preserving biodiversity. The theme for the year 2025 is “*Harmony with nature and sustainable development*”. This theme emphasizes the connection between the global biodiversity framework and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”. The institute celebrated this occasion by organizing a Tree Planting Programme in the Botanical Garden. Tall saplings of *Ficus benghalensis*, *Mimusops elengi*, *Cassia fistula*, *Pterocarpus marsupium*, *Ficus religiosa* and *Azadirachta indica* were planted in the garden.

Dr. A Rajasekaran, Scientist- F and Head, FECC division welcomed the participants and chief guests to the planting program and highlighted the significance of the day. Dr. R. Yasodha, Director, IFGTB inaugurated the program by planting the tree. She commented on the importance of the day and noted that this event marks the beginning of a two week campaign initiated by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. The campaign will conclude on June 5th, World Environment Day. Dr. B. Nagarajan, Scientist-G and GCR, Dr. Modhumita Dasgupta, Scientist- G, Dr. V. Sivakumar, Scientist- G, Mr. Muhammad Ali Noushad, Scientist- C and the technical and project staff participated in the event.



Dr. R. Yasodha, Director of the institute planting a tree sapling



Dr. Modhumita Dasgupta, Scientist- G planting a tree sapling



Dr. A. Rajasekaran, Scientist -F & Head, FECC addressing the participants



A view of the participants at the tree planting site