

# **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2025**

## **Mass Cleaning Drive**

### **ICFRE-INSTITUTE OF FOREST GENETICS & TREE BREEDING, COIMBATORE**

*'Plastic Cleaning Drive on the roads frequented by the wild giants often'*

As part of World Environment Day celebrations-2025, ICFRE-Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore organized a 'mass plastic cleaning drive' on 05.06.2025 at *Mangarai-Anaikatti road*, in collaboration with Coimbatore District Administration and Coimbatore Forest Division. More than 150 volunteers from IFGTB, Tamil Nadu Forest Department, Young Indians, Climate change, Coimbatore chapter, Inner wheel, Coimbatore Centenary, Omega Tribes, Easa College, and Somayanur Village Panchayat took part in the event. PP kits were distributed to the participants. Plastic wastes collected were disposed for recycling.

Earlier, Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, inaugurated the cleaning drive. Shri.Karthik Ram, President (Climate change), Young Indians, Coimbatore chapter, Mrs.Kavitha Ramesh, President, Mrs.Padma Balamurugan, Editor, Inner wheel Coimbatore Centenary, Mr.Manoj Kumar, Omega Tribes, Mr.Ramamurthy, BDO, PN Palayam, Mr.Gopi, Secretary, Somayanur Panchayat were present. Mr.G.R.Madhavaraj IFS and Mr.P.Chandrasekaran CTO of Extension division coordinated the programme.

Earlier while inaugurating the cleaning drive Dr K Ganesh Kumar, IFS emphasised on the need to be plastic free especially against the micro plastics as it is in the form of urban dust contributes to lung cancer in the masses. He has also stressed the need to follow the three \*R\*s Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! Mrs. Kavitha informed that the Inner wheel is happy to support such cleaning drive as. Mr Chandrasekaran concluded with a note that Nano particles spreading from plastic withering causes lung cancers. For example, while opening milk pockets, it's better to cut off corners which accumulated as piles of unused plastic wastes.





