

# International Day for Biological Diversity

## 22 May 2014

The United Nations has proclaimed May 22<sup>nd</sup> the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. Every year, people young and old from all around the world participate in celebrating this event to show their support for conserving the Earth's biodiversity. The Theme for IBD 2014 was 'Island Biodiversity'.

To organise an event to celebrate IBD at CSFER, a photo competition was organised in which staff, students have submitted relevant photos under theme Forest Biodiversity. Submitted photographs were judged by a Committee comprised of Dr. Anubha Srivastava, Dr. V.P.Pandey, Shri Siya Ram and Shri A.K.Srivastava. Shri Alok Pandey was awarded with *First Prize*, *Second prize* awarded to Shri Praveen Tripathi and *Third Prize* to Dr. Shiv Mahindra Singh.

The Director of the Centre, Dr. Kumud Dubey discussed in length about the Biodiversity and ways to conserve it. On the occasion Shri Alok Pandey delivered a talk on conservation of *Bixa orellana* biodiversity. The other discussion includes natural dyes from plants. Dr. Anita Tomar, Organiser of the event, also highlighted on conservation of rare, endangered plants and ended the event with vote of thanks to the participants with a request to protect biodiversity.

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