

## **Vigilance Awareness Week Observed at IFGTB Coimbatore**

Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore observed **Vigilance Awareness week from 29<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November**. As per the directions from Central Vigilance Commission, the observance began with employees taking a **pledge** on 29<sup>th</sup> October in the presence of **Dr.N.Krishnakumar, IFS, Director, IFGTB**. The Theme for this year is "**Transparency in Public Procurement**".

**Shri.T.P.Ragunath, IFS**, Group Coordinator Research, gave a detailed presentation on **RTI Act 2005** and its relevance to the organization. He conducted a **Quiz related to RTI Act**. A film was shown on the Impact of RTI to reveal corruption in spending at Rajasthan rural Development Department on 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**Shri.R.Vivekanandan, Vigilance Officer** gave a detailed lecture on "**Whistle Blowing and Whistle Blowing Protection Bill**" on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

An **Essay competition** was conducted in English and Tamil on "**Transparency in Working Environment**" for all staff on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

The **valedictory for the celebration** was held at 2<sup>nd</sup> November in the presence of Shri.T.P.Ragunath, IFS, Group Coordinator Research, Shri.Ashok Upreti, IFS, Additional Director and CCF, Tamilnadu Forest Academy, Shri.R.S.C.Jeyaraj, IFS, Director, State Forest Research Institute, Arunachala Pradesh Forest Department and officials of IFGTB.

**Shri.R.Vivekanandan, Vigilance Officer** submitted the reports of the vigilance activities carried out during the week.

**Shri.T.P.Ragunath, IFS**, Group Coordinator Research gave a special address on the occasion covering topics such as improved procurement procedures, ways to reduce corruption etc.

**Shri.R.S.C.Jeyaraj, IFS, Director, State Forest Research Institute, Arunachala Pradesh Forest Department** gave a detailed presentation on the theme **"Transparency in Public Procurement"**.

**The Chief Guest, Shri.Ashok Upreti, IFS, Additional Director and CCF, Tamilnadu Forest Academy, Coimbatore** distributed prizes to the winning officials for the Quiz and Essay competition. He also delivered lecture on the Volume of corruption in Government procurement and the need to reduce corruption and enable Transparency in working environment etc

**Dr.N.Senthilkumar, Scientist** delivered vote of Thanks.



















