

## 67TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

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Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore

The 67th Independence Day was celebrated at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore. The Director, Dr. N. Krishnakumar, hoisted the National Flag.



Addressing the gathering, he congratulated the efforts of the staff of the Institute for displaying team spirit in all the activities of the Institute. He expressed pride in the fact that Institute always functioned as a family, standing together for all events, leading to its apparent growth over the past years. He urged the staff to move on with the same enthusiasm and zeal which would enable the Institute to meet International Standards in terms of research outputs. Congratulating the teams involved in the development of clones of Eucalyptus and Casuarina for productivity, he hoped that in the years to come, forestry would see the release of many more clones of indigenous species also.



This was followed by a speech on the "National Anthem" by Ms. Sruthi, D/o Dr. S.P. Subramani, "My Country" by Ms. Athira, D/o Dr. Senthil Kumar and a song on patriotism by Master Akilan, S/O Dr. N. Senthil Kumar.



This was followed by a talk by Mr. T.R.A. Arunthavaselvan, Nature and Wildlife Photographer made a presentation on his “experience with wildlife and wildlife photography”. He shared his experiences in the field of wild life photography for the last 40 years through photographs of different forest types, birds, reptiles, amphibians and predator species including the big cats. He also shared the difficulties he faced in the process of photographing them. He highlighted the importance of conserving natural ecosystems and motivated the children through his

presentation. He promised to part with few of his valuable collections to our Institute to be displayed in our premises.

