

## 65<sup>th</sup> REPUBLIC DAY AT IFGTB, COIMBATORE

The Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree breeding, Coimbatore celebrated the 65<sup>th</sup> Republic Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Following the unfurling of the National Flag, the Director, Dr. N. Krishnakumar addressed the scientists, officers, staff, employees and their families. He conveyed the Republic day greetings of the Director General, ICFRE and congratulated the employees for putting their efforts in both Research and Extension front. He stressed the need for commitment towards any activity taken up which would in the long run, bring glory to the nation. He urged the need to continue to work together and display togetherness in all the Institute's activities, which has been the reason for the success of all the events in the Institute. He encouraged the parents to provide proper guidance to children to enable them to become great citizens of the country.

This was followed by a speech on "My Country" by Ms. Sruthi, D/o Dr. S.P. Subramani, "Sayings of Bharathiar" by Ms. Athira, D/o Dr. Senthil Kumar and "importance of planting trees by Master Akilan, S/o Dr. N. Senthil Kumar.

A Staff Health Centre was inaugurated. It was decided that in addition to the fitness equipment, indoor games like Table tennis and Carroms would also be arranged. It was also decided that yoga classes would be conducted on a regular basis.

Director gave away the cash awards to the meritorious students of the IFGTB family who stood first and second in both X and XII standards for the year 2012-13. The winners include Mr. C. Kavin, S/o Shri P. Chandrasekar, Ms. D. Vaishali, D/o Smt. C. Vijayam, Scientist-D and Mr. Anto Christopher, S/o Shri M. Maria Dominic Savio, and Ms. Jayeetha, D/o Shri C.K. Jaggannath.

Various sports events viz. running race, fun games, etc., were conducted for the staff and their family members. Prizes were distributed to the winners of various events.







