

## World Soil Day Celebrations at IFGTB-ENVIS, Coimbatore

The ENVIS Centre on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB) celebrated the World Soil Day on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Scientists, Forest Officers and research staff of IFGTB participated in the event. Forest Range Officer Trainees from Tamilnadu Forest Academy, Coimbatore also attended the function. Dr Kannan C.S. Warriar, Co-ordinator ENVIS welcomed the gathering and gave an overview of the ENVIS activities. Dr B. Gurudev Singh, Director (i/c) of IFGTB presided over the function. Prof. K. Arulmozhiselvan from Dept. of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry of Tamilnadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore graced the function as Chief Guest and presented a lead lecture on “Soil: The Soul of Infinite Life”. His talk highlighted the importance of our soil resources and the necessity for their management and conservation. An awareness poster on significance of soil conservation and the second issue of ENVIS newsletter *VAN VIGYAN* (ISSN: 2394-7543) for the year 2015-16 were released on the occasion. Dr V.N. Mutharaian Programme Officer-ENVIS proposed the vote of thanks.









