



## Report

on

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS 2022

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**International Day of Forests 2022 Observance by IFGTB ENVIS**

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB), ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore (IFGTB ENVIS) commemorated the International Day of Forests 2022 on 21 March 2022 by organizing a digital awareness campaign through Facebook live. The main objective of the campaign is to create awareness among students and general public about the significance of sustainable forestry. As a part of this commemoration, a mobile photography competition on the current year's theme "Forests and Sustainable Production and Consumption" was also conducted to peoples of all walks of life from 01.03.2022 to 18.03.2022.

Dr Kannan CS Warriar, Scientist F and ENVIS Coordinator during his awareness lecture, elaborated the sustainable uses of forests. Forests contribute to the food security and sustainable livelihoods of billions of people. Forest sector value chains also offer over 86 million green jobs and support the livelihoods of many more, he added. Dr Warriar highlighted that over 2.4 billion people use wood-based energy for cooking. Sustainably produced wood plays a key role to advance sustainability in other sectors and help transitioning to a circular bioeconomy, for instance in green buildings or green packaging, and thus contribute to sustainable development. However, if harvested unsustainably, it can lead to forest degradation and deforestation. To meet climate, biodiversity and sustainable development goals, transformative actions are critical in the area of sustainable production.

Dr C Kunhikannan, Director IFGTB inaugurated the programme and spoke in detail on the significance of sustainable forestry. The Director highlighted that the developments in forest management over the past decade have focused on progress towards sustainable forest management, an approach that balances environmental, socio- cultural and economic objectives of management in line with the Forest Principles. Dr Kunhikannan urged that sustainable forestry should be practiced for managing forests to meet current needs and desires of society for forest resources, that is products, services, and values, without compromising the availability of these for future generations.

The result of the mobile photography was announced by Dr C. Kunhikannan, Director IFGTB. Among the participants Dr. Moneesh Thakur, Veterinary Officer, Himachel Pradesh, Shri A. Sesa Raja Sankaran, Chennai, Ms. Monika Singh, Research Scholar, IFGTB bagged the first, second and third prizes respectively. Two consolation prizes were also awarded to Ms S.Poojashree Metro metric Hr Sec school Mettupalayam, Dr Radhika Thakur, Asst Prof, Mathematics & Statistics, Himachal Pradesh. Prizes were awarded to the winners and E Certificates to all the participants. An awareness poster highlighting the current year's theme was also released during the occasion and was digitally transmitted to students and all other stakeholders. Dr S Vigneswaran, Senior Programme Officer proposed the vote of thanks. The digital event can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/3N6F3QC>.









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*Theme: Forests and Sustainable Production & Consumption*

Forest ecosystems constitute an integral part of life support system of more than 70 % of the population. Forests possess a stark uniqueness as regards their composition and resilience to natural changes. They receive maximum solar radiation and exhibit complex and intricately interdependent survival systems. Due to a wide range of species diversity, they are the storehouses of endemic gene pools. India ranks sixth among the 12 megadiversity countries of the world. Sustainable forestry is about protecting the future of our biosphere, making sure we ' have fresh air to breath, and clean water to drink. It is also about making a global economy sustain its needs for wood in the present as well as the future by adopting strategies that promote replenishment, jobs and a healthier greener environment, offering more forest space for biodiversity. It is also about ensuring the future of our forests, enhancing our wildlife habitat, and protecting water.

## Benefits of sustainable forests



**Enhances  
wildlife  
habitats**



**Provides Clean air**



**Combats climate  
change**



**Conserves soil**



**Provide  
economic  
benefits**



**Assures  
recreational  
values**



**Improves wood  
utilization**



**Protects water  
quality**



**Enriches  
medicinal  
values**

**Sustainable forestry balances the needs of the environment, wildlife, and forest**