

## **International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD) 2017 at Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi**

The Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi celebrated the International Day for Biological Diversity on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017, on the theme *Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism*. Dr. K.K.Nag, an eminent botanist and Ex-Vice Chancellor Ranchi University, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Vinoba Bhave University was the Chief Guest for the occasion. He spoke at great lengths about biodiversity and the importance of conserving it. He stressed on the fact that cutting a tree is not just losing a tree but also losing a host of associated organisms, thereby losing biodiversity. He spoke on the effects of tourism and the idea of ecotourism for sustainable conservation of environment. Dr. Shamim Akhtar Ansari, Director also talked about mutual inter-relationships among living organisms and stressed on the need for conservation. He spoke about ecotourism initiatives to create awareness. Dr. Sanjay Singh, Scientist-F talked about the importance of biodiversity. The programme was concluded by Dr. Sharad Tiwari, Scientist-F and coordinator of the programme.

A “Nature Walk” was also organized to create awareness and a firsthand learning experience to appreciate nature’s tranquility and diversity.



Welcome of Chief Guest, Dr. K.K.Nag by the Director



Welcome of Director by the Coordinator Dr. Sharad Tiwari



Speech by Dr. Sanjay Singh, Scientist-F



Talk by the Director Dr. S.A. Ansari



Presentation by the Chief Guest, Dr. K.K.Nag



Dr. Sharad Tiwari, Scientist-F and Coordinator concluding the session



Nature Walk



