

**Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore**  
**Celebration of Vigilance Awareness Week - 2014**

As per the direction of Central Vigilance Commission, the Institute observed 'Vigilance Awareness Week 2014' from 27.10.2014 to 01.11.2014. The observance of “**VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK**” is to bring the employees at large as how corruption is eroding the basic values in the country and how to eradicate it. The theme of observing the Vigilance Awareness Week for this year is “**Combating Corruption: Technology as an Enabler**”.

The Week began with the taking of ‘**Vigilance Pledge**’ by the employees of the Institute to fight against corruption. The pledge was administered by **Shri. R.S. Prasanth, IFS, Director In charge** of the Institute at on 27-10-14 in the Seminar Hall, IFGTB, Coimbatore.

On 29.10.2014, an essay competition on “**Corruption and its ill effects on growth of the Nation**” was organised. The three best writers in the competition were selected for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions.

The valedictory function of the Vigilance Awareness Week was held on 31.10.2014 at 04.00 P.M in the Seminar Hall of the institute, **Shri. A. Govindaraj, IRS, Assistant Commissioner (Central Excise), Coimbatore** was invited for talk on Corruption and the use of technology to combat it. **Shri S. Senthil Kumar, IFS** welcomed the chief Guest and all the participants. With brief introductory remarks, **Dr. K. Palanisamy Scientist F & Head of Forest Genetic Resources Division** spelt out to the activities took place in the Institute during the Vigilance Awareness Week 2014.

**Shri A. Govindaraj, IRS, Assistant Commissioner (Central Excise), Coimbatore** delivered the special address on corruption forms and how the government employee is recipient and provider of corruption in society and he stressed the need for creating awareness using technology like various application of softwares against the corruption, agencies having jurisdictions and internet and mobile utility. He emphasized the need for keeping the transparency in administration particularly dealing the procurement for stores, out sourcing services and works through the e-procurement methods in coming years as mandate. He also deliberated the provisions of General Financial Rules 2005 on all aspects of making expenditure particularly purchase, recruitment and auctioning in an organisation. The employees of the institute interacted with the Chief Guest on various corruption practices and possible preventing measures. Finally, prizes were distributed to the winners of the competitions held during the Vigilance Awareness Week 2014 by the Chief Guest **Shri. A. Govindaraj, IRS**.

The function ended with the vote of thanks to one and all who had contributed in making the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week 2014 a grand success by **Shri. P. Kathirvel IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests** of the institute.

