



IFGTB celebrated Wetlands Day

The Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore, commemorated World Wetlands Day by organising a campaign to raise awareness of the importance of wetlands among students and the general public.

IFGTB director C. Kunhikannan inaugurated the campaign and released an awareness poster on the current year's theme 'Wetlands and Human Wellbeing'. He said that wetlands provide essential freshwater and contribute significantly to global food production, exemplified by wetland-grown rice, a staple for three billion people. Moreover, wetlands act as natural shock absorbers, mitigating rainfall impacts and reducing flood and storm surge risks, he added.

Chief Scientist Kannan C.S. Warriar said the 75 Ramsar Sites in India serve as abodes of many threatened species of flora and fauna, including 213 species of fish and 74 amphibians. IFGTB also organised an online awareness quiz and a mobile photography competition.

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