

# Earth Day 2021 celebrated in Kovai

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'EARTH Day 2021' was organised by the ENVIS Center on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB) at RS Puram in the city on Thursday. The event was inaugurated by C Kunhi Kannan, Director of IFGTB.

Speaking at the event, Kunhikannan said, "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle should be the motto of everyone to preserve the mother earth."

He further said that the earth's natural resources, including air, water, soil, minerals, plants, and animals should be utilised in a proper way. "Conservation is the practice of caring for these resources. If these resources are used wisely and efficiently people can reduce waste and manage natural resources now and in the future," he added.

The Director urged that all should conserve mother Earth by reducing the ecological footprint. Senior Principal Scientist and ENVIS Coordi-



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nator Kannan CS Warriar said that scientists believe that almost half of the new zoonotic diseases since 1940 stem from changes in land use, like deforestation. Since the start of human civilisation, we have cleared 46 per cent of trees globally, and we still lose 1,500 crore trees a year, he added.

### Sadhguru's message

Founder of Isha Foundation, Sadhguru, in his message said, "Mother Earth is so generous.

If only we give her the chance, she will restore everything in absolute abundance and beauty."

He further said that the primary objective of Isha's Cauvery Calling movement planting trees to protect the fertility of the soil, and added that the movement is encouraging farmers in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka to adopt tree-based agriculture which has proven to yield enormous ecological and economic benefits.