

# Biological diversity day celebrated

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**Coimbatore:** Biodiversity is essential for sustainable development and everyone should come together to conserve it, said director of Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB) C Kunhikannan.

Marking the International Day for Biological Diversity at IFGTB on Saturday, Kunhikannan said that if biological diversity sustains damage due to reckless behaviour, humanity would be deprived of natural resources. "In the past few decades, there has been widespread exploitation of resources without due consideration to its maintenance, which resulted in damage to the environment," he said.

IFGTB conducted a Facebook live



**SAVE NATURE:** The Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding conducted a Facebook live event to mark the International Day for Biological Diversity

event to mark the day, the theme of which was 'We're part of the solution'.

Studies show that we are losing invaluable treasure at such an alarming rate that in the next 10 years, one out of every four known species may have been wiped off the planet, said Kannan CS Warrior, senior principal

scientist and Environmental Information System (Envis) coordinator.

As many as 121 people participated in a photography competition on biodiversity. Research scholar Divya N from PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Anto Thomas and Athira K R from Kerala bagged the first, second and third prizes respectively.