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As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, ENVIS Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore celebrated Iconic week 2021 by organizing an awareness event on the theme “Avoid the usage of single use plastics”. The main objective of the event is to increase public understanding and shape community perceptions on the dangers of the usage of single use plastics, their environmental impact and available solutions, thereby empowering more people and organizations to take action for phasing out the usage of single use plastics by 2022. An awareness poster highlighting how to quit the usage of single use plastics was released by Dr C. Kunhikannan, Director, IFGTB. Dr R. Yasodha, Scientist G and Group Coordinator Research, Dr B. Nagarajan, Scientist G, Head, Forest Ecology and Climate Change, Dr V. Sivakumar, Scientist G, Dr Modhumita Dasgupta, Scientist G, Head, Plant Biotechnology and Cytogenetics, Dr Kannan CS Warier, Scientist F and ENVIS Coordinator, Shri Rajesh Gopalan, Head, Extension, Dr D Rajasuguna Sekar, Scientist F, Dr S. Vigneswaran, Senior Programme Officer, ENVIS and other officials were present during the release. Softcopy of the awareness poster was widely transmitted electronically to students and other stakeholders.





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India and Single Use Plastics

- Worldwide, one to five trillion plastic bags are consumed annually.
- The scale of plastic waste and its environmental impact were two of the major issues.
- India generates around 25,940 tonnes of plastic waste per day and approximately 9.46 million tonnes of plastic waste per year.
- Around 60 percent of plastic waste (15,384 tonnes) is collected and recycled, while the rest is uncollected and littered in the environment.
- India is now attempting to take a strong stand against plastics and plastic pollution, in the form of banning the sale and use of single-use plastics (SUP).
- Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules 2021, prohibits the usage of identified single-use plastic items.
- India plans to phase-out single use plastics by 2022.

What can be done?



Promote the use of biodegradable items



Create Awareness



Skip single use plastic items



Carry your own cup/bottle



Give up gum



Wisely dispose electronic items



Always recycle



Buy sustainable clothing



Plant More Trees