

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS 2019

FORESTS AND EDUCATION



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Shri C.K. Mishra,
Secretary, MoEF&CC,
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The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 21 March the International Day of Forests (IDF). The day celebrates and raises awareness of the importance of all types of forests. On each International Day of Forests, countries are encouraged to undertake local, national and international efforts to organize activities involving forests and trees, such as tree planting campaigns.

“ Forests and Education - Learn to Love Forests ”

The theme for International Day of Forests 2019 promotes education at all levels in achieving sustainable forest management and biodiversity conservation

UN KEY MESSAGES

Understanding our forests and keeping them healthy is crucial for our future.

You're never too young to start learning about trees.

Both modern and traditional knowledge are key to keeping forests healthy.

Investing in forestry education can change the world for the better.

Women and men should have equal access to forest education.

On behalf of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India, Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE) is hosting national level celebration of the 'International Day of Forests 2019' in the Convocation Hall of the Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun.



Chief guest lighting of the lamp



Chief guest addressing the august gathering



Communities in and around, and outside forests should be educated and sensitized towards forest protection. Youth should come forward with innovative strategies to help India achieve its carbon sink target.
- **C.K. Mishra**, Secretary, MoEF&CC, Govt. of India



The age old traditional relation with the forest need to be revived. A transformative thinking is vital considering the causes and consequences of forest destruction and peoples perceptions about forest conservation - **Padma Bhushan Chandi Prasad Bhatt**, Environmentalist



The entire forest fraternity needs to introspect about the course of journey towards forest conservation and management and take stock of challenges lying ahead despite numerous scientific and technological advances made in forestry. - **Dr. S.C. Gairola**, Director General, ICFRE



The policies and program of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) are committed to strike a balance between environment and forest conservation and economic development. - **Saibal Dasgupta**, ADG (FC), MoEF&CC



Healthy forests mean healthy, resilient communities and prosperous economies.



Exhibition showcasing forest products, eco-friendly technologies, publications, artifacts, organic produce and other livelihood options promoted by NGOs & stalls by Government organizations/ departments.



With diversification in afforestation activities, assessment of forest cover is becoming increasingly challenging which requires greater innovative approach using modern survey and mapping technologies in order to have a precise picture of forest cover. - **Dr. Subhash Ashutosh**, Director General, FSI



Ceremonial Planting by the Chief Guest

Excessive use of paper is one of the major causes of forest destruction, hence, use of paper should be minimized in our day to day affairs and at work places to prevent further losses to the forests. - **Dr. V.B. Mathur**, Director, WII



COMPETITIONS ORGANIZED



Painting and Essay competitions for students of Dehradun based Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas



Forest education is an effective tool for addressing the present days challenges of climate change, ecorestoration, biodiversity conservation, poverty and to ensure food, water and ecological security. Making people concerned about forests is the need of hour. - **Omkar Singh**, Director, IGNFA



Debate competition for students of FRI Deemed to be University



Chief guest releasing Coffee Table Book titled 'Nature's Kaleidoscope: Biodiversity of New Forest Campus' and 'Scientists of ICFRE: Biodata'

ICFRE Awards for Excellence in Forestry -2018



Chief guest conferring awards to the scientists (a) Dr. Girish Chandra (b) Dr. Vineet Kumar (c) Dr. S.S. Chauhan (d) Dr. Pankaj Agarwal (e) Dr. Madhumita Dasgupta and (f) Dr. A. Arunachalam



Photography competition : Award winning photographs



First, Second and Third prizes awarded in each category

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