

## **The Children's Day was celebrated at IFGTB in an Innovative way**

The Children's Day was celebrated at IFGTB on 12-11-2011 afternoon, in collaboration with Sri Rama Chandra Mission (SRCM), Coimbatore. About 40 children of 10- 17 years age from different schools in around Coimbatore attended the Children's Day programme organized at IFGTB. Dr. N. Krishna Kumar, IFS, the Director IFGTB, addressed and interacted with the children and explained them about forest, wildlife and the role of people in forest conservation. He also explained the children briefly about the forest dwellers and their way of life. Later a short movie made by Key Stone Foundation on " Kurumba Tribes- Honey Hunters and Forest Dwellers of Nilgiris Hills" was shown to children. The movie was about the way of life of Kurumba tribe in forest, their method of honey collection, their role in forest conservation and the problems they are facing because of forest loss caused by extensive tea cultivation in Nilgiris hills.

It was an educative programme for children mostly grown up in cities teaching them about forest conservation, forest dwellers and their life in forest. The Director IFGTB interacted with the children at the end of movie show. The organizers from SRCM Coimbatore, namely S. Sreasha, R. Sridevi and Ezhavarasi and all the participated children thanked the Director, IFGTB for this programme and opined that such programmes should be conducted every year. Later the children were taken to the Gass Forest Museum. The programme was organized at IFGTB by Dr. C. Buvaneshwaran, Dr. Maheshwar Hegde, Dr. A Karthikeyan and Smt. R. Anandalakshmi. The brief programme ended at 5.30 pm.



