



**CELEBRATION OF**  
**International Day for Biological Diversity - 2020**

Theme : "Our Solutions are in Nature"

Key Address (through V.C.) : Pu Ajai Saxena (HoFF, Arunachal Pradesh)

Venue : F.R.C.B.R., Aizawl, Mizoram

Date : 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2020

Organised by  
Forest Research Centre for Bamboo and Rattan, Aizawl (A unit of Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat, Assam)

International day for Biological Diversity, 2020 was celebrated at FRCBR, Aizawl, Mizoram on 22/05/2020 from 11:00 AM onwards. Keeping in view the present Covid-19 pandemic situation, the guidelines of MoH&FW, GoI and Mizoram State Govt. were followed. On this occasion, Sh. Ajay Saxena, IFS, PCCF, Arunachal Pradesh was invited as a chief guest to deliver a key address to participants through video conferencing. He was welcomed by Sh. Hans Raj, Scientist-D & Head in his welcome address. The chief guest, in his address, highlighted the status of wildlife during this corona pandemic. Further, he also suggested that there is a need to converse, preserve and promote the biodiversity of FRCBR reserve forest which lies in the heart of Aizawl city. In his address he also highlighted that there is utmost need to sensitize the local community for the biodiversity conservation. On the occasion, good quality photographs of faunal biodiversity of FRC-BR were printed in a frame and released during the event. In drawing competition, participants were asked to prepare drawing related to the biodiversity of Mizoram/North East India in their

home and submit. Awards were distributed to the winners. In plantation programme, around 90-100 seedlings of biodiversity promoting plant/fruit species such as *Bischofia javanica*, *Mesua ferrea*, *Phyllanthus emblica*, *Mangifera indica* and *Parkia roxburghii* etc and 20-25 plants of ornamental bamboos were planted in the office premises and residential area of FRCBR. Two-three representative from local NGO, YMA, Bethlehem Vengthlang Branch were also invited for the event and participated in the plantation programme.



**Event was conducted while maintaining proper social distancing**



**Sh. Ajai Saxena, IFS, PCCF, Arunachal Pradesh delivering his address through VC.**





First prize winner.



Second prize winner.





**Third prize winner.**



**Representative of the Local NGO Young Mizo Association (YMA) also participated in plantation programme.**





**Plantation of ornamental bamboo species in front of office building of FRC-BR**



**One of the wildlife photo frame printed and released during the event**