

Celebration of 'International Day of Forests'

Theme: Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being

Place: TFRI, Jabalpur **Date:** 21.03.2021

Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur, celebrated 'International Day of Forests' on 21.03.2021 in the theme of 'Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being'. During the event, Dr. G. Rajeshwar Rao, Director, TFRI given speech on need of forest restoration, especially free from invasive weeds like *Lantana camara*, etc. He emphasized that, every forest in the world today is affected by human activity at some level, either directly by destruction or the introduction of invasive species, or indirectly by the impacts of climate change. Forest restoration, the process of improving the health, productivity, and array of life of a forest. Invasives are considered to be one of the most serious threats for native ecosystems. Invasives species decrease ecosystem resilience with negative impacts on natural regeneration. Invasives are considered to be one of the most serious threats for native ecosystems. Due to species-specific effects on light availability and nutrient cycling, invasives significantly alter the functioning of invaded ecosystems. Also, he mentioned that, need to develop value addition from the invasives viz., furniture from *Lantana camera*, activated charcoal from *Prosopis juliflora*, etc.

During the event, Scientists and Technical Officers were participated and planted RET value native species in the Botanical garden, TFRI, Jabalpur. The event ended with vote of thanks by Dr. S. Saravanan, Scientist-F & Head, Extension division.

Glimpse of International Day of Forests celebration



