



## COF hosted the National Conference on Bird Monitoring through Citizen Science

College of Forestry in collaboration with Bird Count India hosted the National Conference on Bird Monitoring through Citizen Science on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The conference was intended to familiarize the importance of e-birding and the status of e-birding in different states of the nation. It also discussed about the ethics to be followed in e-birding throughout India.

Adv. V. S. Sunil Kumar, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Kerala inaugurated the Conference. Dr. P. Rajendran, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, KAU presided over the function. Dr. K. Aravindakshan, Registrar, KAU welcomed the gathering and Dr. B. S. Corrie IFS, PCCF and Head of Forest Force gave the keynote address. Dr. P. O. Nameer, Associate Professor, COF gave the introductory remarks about the workshop. Dr. K. Vidyasagar, Dean, COF extended the vote of thanks to the dignitaries and the participants.

In association with the Conference the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture also carried out the release of books on "An Atlas of the Birds of Alappuzha" and "An Atlas of the Birds of Thrissur"



Hon'ble VC of KAU, Dr. P. Rajendran welcoming the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, GoK



Adv. V. S. Sunil Kumar, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, GoK delivering the Inaugural address



Inaugural Session



Dr. P. O. Nameer giving the introductory remarks



Dr. P. Rajendran, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, KAU delivering the Presidential address



Adv. V. S. Sunil Kumar, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, GoK releasing the book



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Dr. K. Vidyasagar, Dean, COF extending the vote of thanks