The New Forest - the IFS training campus - an area which houses the FRI and its sister institutions including the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA) is also home to a rich biodiversity. These flora and fauna become a part of our neighbourhood while we are at the campus. The campus is also adorned with heritage buildings, museums, nurseries and a beautiful landscape.

This initiative is aimed at making us more familiar with our neighbourhood.
She is not marigold to use as offerings to God, nor a rose to express the love on valentine... she is not a orchid to decorate your home; nor a tuberose to spray a fragrance in room..... she is not jasmine to make garland for your wife:, nor sunflower to give you plenty of oil.... she is simple, unnoticed, unappreciated..

But when today I looked out...I saw her like a common man all her friends are quarantined and resting; Like police, She is at colony gate and roadsides ;. While burning inside, She is staring at sun with pleasant smile.... She is blooming, She is 'BOUGAINVILLEA'......
Bougainvillea

origin: she is native to South America however she has traveled several countries and regions where she is now staying happily.

Some selective species of Bougainvillea

B. spectabilis

B. glabra

B. spinosa

B. arborea
Physiology:

She is a woody climber with stiff curved thorns. Her leaves are bright green in colour. She wears different coloured flowers from white to yellow. She has inflorescence of three flowers surrounded by three bracts.

It's interesting!

It's not the flowers that make her so colourful, it's actually the colourful bracts. The flowers are just tiny and white. Have a closer look!

These bracts can be red, orange, yellow, purple, pink or white.

She is fast growing, easy to care, very well to prune and can be grown in draught prone area.
Why to grow her?
She is very attractive genus for Bonsai enthusiasts. She is fast growing, tolerate pruning very well so well suited for most bonsai styles.

She is popular ornamental plant used as landscape element in the form of canopy dotting of gardens.

She is widely used for roadside planting in India. She is evergreen and can withstand draught.

She also has medicinal properties against diabetes, cough, sore throat and hepatitis.

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