INSTITUTE OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY (IFB), HYDERABAD

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A report on Celebration of World Environmental Day (WED) at IFB, Hyderabad.

The Institute of Forest Biodiversity has celebrated *World Environment Day* on 04th and 05th June 2021. On 04th June 2021, ceremonial tree planting was done in the Institute of Forest Biodiversity campus. The plantation program was inaugurated by Dr. Ratnaker Jauhari, IFS, Director, IFB. Head of Office, Scientists and Technical staff participated in the tree planting activity. On the occasion, various Competitions were held on 04th, June, 2021 for the staff of IFB, Hyderabad and students of schools and colleges on the current year theme “*Ecosystem restoration*” through online mode. Keeping in view the present Covid-19 pandemic situation, the guidelines of MoH & FW, GoI, and Telangana State Govt. were followed and neither participant from outside invited.

On 05th June 2021, all the officials and staff participated in a webinar organized by the Institute on the current year theme on “*Ecosystem restoration*”. The main objective of the celebration is to spread awareness about the importance of the Environment, the Rebuilding of the Ecosystem, management, and sustainability. A total of 28 members of officials from IFB participated in the webinar.
Dr. Ratnaker Jauhari, IFS, Director, IFB, Hyderabad started the session with a welcome address. Shri M. V. Krishna Rao, IPS (Retd. DGP), President, Pure Earth Foundation was the Guest of Honour in the webinar. He spoke on the environment, biodiversity, and activities of PEF related to the Environment and society.

Following the address by Guest of Honour, the Chief Guest Dr. B. M. K. Reddy, Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Biodiversity Board delivered his speech. He expressed his views by comparing the conditions how it was a few decades earlier and present time. The population has adversely affected the environment as we chose Green Revolution with which starting from agriculture, one side where we got our food supplies sufficient enough to sustain ourselves but on the other side, the very base of our agriculture including the environment got affected severely i.e., Soil and Water with chemicals and other effluents that are discharged in the ecosystem by the use of chemicals helping in a so-called green revolution. He also mentioned that for the new and younger generation of scientists it is a challenge to use the natural interventions in agriculture to restore the ecology and sustain our environment.

This was followed by Special Address by Guest Shri V. Raghu Venkatraman, (Retd. Director, Advanced Data-processing Research Institute –ADRIN). He explained about how modern technology like IT, GIS, RS, etc. can be used to study the ongoing changes in our environment, their current status other aspects which would eventually help in finding the different possible ways to restore the environment, maintain the ecosystem that we live in and various other ideas to have a sustainable and balanced ecology.

Later Smt. Bharti Patel, Sc-B, put forward her views on the modern research approach for Ecological Restoration.

Prizes were distributed to the winners of Painting, Essay writing, and Slogan writing competitions among IFB staff. The Webinar concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri E. Venkata Reddy, Head Extension. The overall program is coordinated by Shri E. Manikanta Reddy, Technician & Shri Varun Singh, Technician, Extension Division.
Glimpses of the programme
Glimpse of the Webinar

Media Coverage
