

Report on World Environment Day Celebrations at Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Hyderabad

As per the directions of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (vide OM dated 18th April 2017) and Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (vide letter dated 26th April 2017), Institute of Forest Biodiversity conducted several activities to commemorate the World Environment Day 2017, at Hyderabad. The detailed report on the activities conducted is given below.

As part of World Environment Day celebrations, a painting and slogan writing competition was organized on 19th May 2017, on various themes like Water Conservation, Urban Forestry, Wildlife Protection and Pollution. The painting competition was organized for three age groups (Group 1- 1st to 4th class; Group 2 -5th to 8th class; Group 3 – 9th class and above). A total of 24 students from Zilla Parishad High School (ZPHS), Dulapally; ZPHS, Bahadurpally; S.V. Model High School, Bahadurpally; Sree Vani High School, Dulapally, C M Academy High School, Suraram; St. Anthony High School, Kompally; Cordial English Medium High School, Karnataka; New Little Lilly High School, Dulapally; Nagarjuna Junior College, Kukatpally; St. Anthony Junior College, Kompally; participated in the programme. Three best paintings from each age group and three best slogans were selected and awarded prizes on 5th June 2017 (Table 1 and 2).

On 5th June 2017, an environmental awareness was campaigned to create awareness about environment and its protection. Honourable Lokayukta, Justice B. Subhashan Reddy was the Chief Guest for the occasion. Ceremonial tree planting was taken up by the Hon'ble Chief Guest and the staffs of Institute of Forest Biodiversity. The meeting started with the welcome address by Shri Pravin H. Chawhaan, Group Co-ordinator Research, followed by address by Dr. G.R.S. Reddy, Director, IFB, Hyderabad and the Hon'ble Chief Guest. The Hon'ble Chief Guest emphasized that the lakes are being encroached and the habitat of wildlife is destroyed; ecological equilibrium is broken by human action and pollution is raising the temperatures in the surroundings with bird deaths in front of human eye. Water shortage has to be overcome and water for all living beings should be the slogan, and humans should not endanger the other life

forms by drawing water from 300 to 400 m depths. All the three speakers highlighted about the rise in atmospheric temperature and deteriorating quality of environment, and emphasized on various protective actions at individual, as well as community level to protect environment from further deterioration by growing more trees. Following the address by the speakers, the winners of the painting and slogan writing competition were felicitated with a trophy and a certificate. The environment awareness meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. S. Pattanaik.

Following the environment awareness meeting, a 3 km nature walk was organized around the Institute of Forest Biodiversity campus. A total of 64 students from the aforesaid schools and Forestry College, Hyderabad participated in the walk. The World Environment Day celebrations were concluded with the screening of a BBC film on 'Jungles'. A 'certificate of participation' was issued to all the participants.

Table 1: Winners of Painting competition

Sl. No.	Group	Prize	Winner name & address
1	Group 1 (1 st to 4 th class)	First	Pranathi M. Cordial English Medium High School, Karnataka
2		Second	Anushka, Karnataka
3	Group 2 (5 th to 8 th class)	First	Sai Kiran, Shri Vani Model High School, Dulapally
4		Second	Kajal, C M Academy High School, Suraram
5		Third	G. Praneeth, St. Anthony High School, Kompally
6	Group 3 (9 th class and above)	First	A. Prasad, Nagarjuna Junior College, Kukatpally
7		Second	A. Ruchitha, New Little Lilly High School, Dulapally
8		Third	K. Madhu, St. Anthony Junior College, Kompally

Table 2: Winners of Slogan writing competition

Sl. No.	Prize	Winner name & address
1	First	D. Meera, Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Hyderabad
2	Second	K. Komal, S.V. Model High School
3	Third	Pranathi M., Cordial English Medium High School, Karnataka

Photographs pertaining to WED celebrations at IFB, Hyderabad

Fig 1: Painting and slogan writing competition at IFB, Hyderabad on 19th May 2017.



Fig 2: Painting and slogan writing competition at IFB, Hyderabad on 19th May 2017.



Fig 3: Ceremonial planting to commemorate World Environment Day at IFB, Hyderabad- Honourable Lokayukta, Justice B. Subhashan Reddy planting an Amaltash sapling.



Fig 4: Ceremonial planting to commemorate World Environment Day at IFB, Hyderabad



Fig 5: Environment awareness meeting at IFB, Hyderabad– address by Hon'ble Lokayukta, Justice Shri B. Subhashan Reddy



Fig 6: Environment awareness meeting at IFB, Hyderabad– address by Dr. G.R.S. Reddy, Director, IFB, Hyderabad



Fig 7: Prize distribution to the winners of painting and slogan writing competition.



Fig 8: Prize distribution to the winners of painting and slogan writing competition.



Fig 9: Nature walk at IFB, Hyderabad campus to commemorate World Environment Day.



Fig 10: Nature walk at IFB, Hyderabad campus to commemorate World Environment Day.



Fig 11: Screening of BBC short film 'Jungle' to commemorate World Environment Day.



Fig 12: Screening of BBC short film 'Jungle' to commemorate World Environment Day.


