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A REPORT ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – JUNE 5th 2024

World Environment Day (WED) is a global observance, celebrated annually on June 5th, to raise awareness and encourage action for the protection of our environment. Each year, World Environment Day revolves around a central theme, focusing on a specific environmental issue. With a strategic focus on fostering ecosystem restoration and sustainable land management practices worldwide, the theme for this year's World Environment Day 2024 - "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience" holds special significance. The theme underscores that restoring our planet's ecosystems requires collective action and individual responsibility. It encourages everyone to contribute to solutions.

To inspire, motivate and spread the aforesaid collective responsibility, ICFRE- Coastal Ecosystem Centre (CEC), Visakhapatnam in collaboration Andhra Pradesh State Forest Department and Dr Reddy's Foundation (DRF) initiated massive Community-Based Mangrove Plantation on June 5th 2024 at Kondurupalem, Wakadu mandal, Naidupeta, Andhra Pradesh.

The program was initiated by a warm welcome from the women of the fishermen's community, who presented the flower bouquets to DFO Sullurpeta, Head (In-Charge), ICFRE-CEC and DRF team members. Mrs. Aruna, Technical Associate – Biodiversity of DRF team inaugurated the program with a welcome speech, followed by Mr. S. Suman, (Lead of Rural Livelihoods & Climate Action), DRF elaborated about the importance of Mangroves.

Shri T. Srinivas, Sc-C, Head (In-Charge) of ICFRE-CEC, shared important facts about global warming and the dire need to join hands for environmental conservation through the restoration of mangrove areas. Smt. Anuradha Gunupati, Founder trustee of DRF briefed about their motto of involving the fishermen in various restoration events to improve the livelihood opportunities of coastal community. Shri P. Samuel, DFO, Sullurpet Wild life Management division discussed about the importance and threats to mangroves to the local fisherman. Followed by the inaugural session all the fishermen's community and the teams of three departments (CEC, Forest dept. and DRF) reached the area for plantation and planted 1000 mangrove saplings. The land was previously cleared with weeds, stumps, roots, etc., levelled and designed with a fish-bone model. A total of 40 people belongs to the local fisherman community participated in this mega event. ICFRE-CEC team members Shri M. Ganesh, TA and Shri Faizuddin Baig, JPF participated and took care of all the ground level arrangements which made the program profound success.

Glimpses of WED – 2024 Event

