

रिसर्च के पौधों से मॉडल बनेगा जबलपुर



उष्ण कटिबंधीय वन अनुसंधान संस्थान (टीएफआरआइ) में हुई संगोष्ठी में मंगलवार को महापौर, वैज्ञानिक और प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड के अधिकारियों ने पर्यावरण संरक्षण पर मंथन किया। महापौर स्वाति गोडबोले ने पर्यावरण सुधार में जनता की भागीदारी बढ़ाने की बात कही। संस्थान के डायरेक्टर डॉ. जी राजेश्वर राव ने कहा कि प्रोजेक्ट के अनुसार कार्य किया जाए तो पर्यावरण के क्षेत्र में जबलपुर मॉडल बन सकता है। डायरेक्टर ने कहा कि पर्यावरण सुधार के क्षेत्र में संस्थान ने एक प्रोजेक्ट तैयार किया है। जिसमें प्रदूषण नियंत्रण के साथ हरियाली बढ़ाने की योजना है।

रिटायर पीसीसीएफ डॉ. पीके शुक्ला ने बेहतर पर्यावरण के लिए रिसर्च की भूमिका बताई। क्षेत्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड के आरएम एसएन द्विवेदी ने प्रदूषण नियंत्रण के लिए बोर्ड के प्रयासों की जानकारी दी।

महापौर ने दिया पुरस्कार- महापौर स्वाति गोडबोले ने बतौर मुख्य अतिथि चित्रकला प्रतियोगिता में बच्चों को पुरस्कार व पौधे दिए। संचालन वैज्ञानिक डॉ. अविनाश जैन, डॉ. फातिमा सरीन ने संचालन किया। इस मौके पर डॉ पीबी मेश्रा, डॉ. धीरेन्द्र खरे, डॉ. सुमित चक्रवर्ती, डॉ. ननिता बेरी, डॉ. अरुण कुमार, डॉ. श्रीनिवासन एवं डॉ. पवन राणा मौजूद थे।

TFRI holds plastic pollution awareness programme



Mayor, Dr Swati Godbole accompanied by senior officers and children during World Environment Day programme organised by Tropical Forest Research Institute.

■ Staff Reporter

WORLD Environment Day was enthusiastically celebrated at Tropical Forest Research Institute (TFRI) to promote awareness among people on the theme 'Beat Plastic Pollution' and plant more saplings in the cities, on Tuesday.

The event was chaired by Jabalpur Municipal Corporation (JMC), Mayor, Dr Swati Godbole and was graced by the presence of various other eminent dignitaries like Dr P K Shukla, Regional Director of BCPC, S N Dwivedi, IO MP Pollution Control Board, Jabalpur and Dr Dharendra Khare, Director, Research Services, Jawaharlal Nehru Agriculture University (JNAU).

On the occasion, Dr Swati Godbole addressed the gathering about adverse effects and immediate need to abate air, water, land and sound pollution. She also emphasised on importance of people participation in environment conservation.

At the outset, Director of Tropical Forest Research Institute Dr G. Rajeshwar Rao, welcomed guests and addressed them about the adverse impact of plastic pol-

lution and initiatives taken by the Institute to reduce the use plastic. He also introduced audience with the project proposed by TFRI on increasing green cover in cities for mitigating pollution in urban and pre-urban areas and asked for collaboration with various Institutes and agencies like Jabalpur Municipal Corporation, JNAU, State Forest Research Institute etc, to reduce pollution in Jabalpur and make it a green city. The event was followed by distribution and plantation of saplings of various species in the campus by the guests, children and women.

The programme was concluded with prize distribution ceremony of painting competition organised for children which was also held on the occasion to generate awareness against use of plastic. The event was organised by Dr Avinash Jain and composed by Dr Fatima Shirin. Other senior scientists of the Institute like Dr P B Meshram, Dr Sumit Chakrabarti, Dr Namita Berry, Dr Arun Kumar, Dr S Saravanan, Dr Pawan Rana along with other officers and employees were also present on the occasion.

Creating public awareness is true celebration of WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

■ By Ashish Rajput

WORLD Environment Day will be celebrated throughout the globe on June 5 to stimulate public awareness and activeness of Government machinery and social organisations for protection of mother nature. Several social organisations and Government agencies are celebrating the day by organising several awareness programmes in the city but most of the events are limited to registering presence in the global campaign. The ground reality of public awareness programmes remains poles apart due to apathetic work culture.

Day-long Environment Day celebration is not enough to achieve the desired goal. The occasion needs to bring public awareness in their routine lifestyle towards civic sense for protecting nature. A basic need of protecting the environment is to protect trees and restraining the use of polythene to check pollution.

Tropical Forest Research Institute, Scientist, Dr Avinash Jain, while talking to 'The Hitavada', informed that recent report of Forest Survey of India (FSI), showing a significant rise of forest density in India, is a good sign for the ongoing forest conservation campaign. There is an urgent need to make the coming generation aware about protection of forests. The society needs to face dual challenges of checking pollution level and felling of trees for environment conservation. Felling of trees in dense forest areas and plantation in the name of its compensation is not the right way. He advocated focusing on upgradation of degraded forest areas for balancing environment cycle in a natural way.

It may be noted that, more than one lakh trees

were axed in the State in the name of development works and development of smart cities. There are clear guidelines of apex court and environment protection agencies for planting a sapling to compensate the felling of a tree in urban areas. Most of the agencies have fulfilled the formality of plantation campaigns as most of the plantation sites registered failure of plantation following absence of its protection.

On the occasion of World Environment Day, citizens need to take oath of working for making the environment carbon neutral, better forest management, reducing greenhouse effects, promoting bio-fuel production by planting on degraded land, use of hydro power to enhance electricity production, encouraging common public to use solar water heaters, energy production through solar sources, developing new drainage systems, promoting coral reefs and mangroves restoration in order to prevent flooding and erosion, including other ways of environmental preservation.

World Environment Day is being celebrated every June 5 since 1973 in order to raise the global awareness about the importance of the healthy and green environment in the human lives, to solve the environmental issues by implementing some positive environmental actions as well as to make aware common public worldwide that every one is responsible for saving environment.

The campaign was started to address the huge environment issues like wastage and loss of wood, deforestation, increasing global warming and many other issues. Every year, celebration is planned according to the particular theme and a slogan of the year is declared to bring effectiveness in the campaign all over the world.

