

**World Environment Day 2019 Celebration
at
Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore**

The World Environment Day 2019, at Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore was celebrated with great enthusiasm on 4th June 2019. A series of activities were planned and executed.

The celebration started with a official function. Dr. Pankaj Aggarwal, Head, Extension Division welcomed the Director, GCR and students, parents and teachers to the institute. Director then briefly addressed the students.

In continuation a **Special talk by Dr. H. Paramesh**, Chairman, Lakeside Center for Health Promotion and Lakeside Education Trust, Bengaluru was arranged on the topic “Effects of Air Pollution on Human health” This simple, informative, interactive and lively session was attended by scientific, technical and administrative staff of the institute. This was followed by sapling planting program. A total of 25 saplings of Sandal, Melia species were planted in various locations across IWST campus.



Talk by Dr.H. Paramesh



Planting of sapling at IWST campus

Also, painting and elocution competitions were arranged for school students on 4th June 2019. A total of 94 students from 10 schools participated in the same. While 26 students of class V to class VII were enrolled for painting competition and 22 for elocution, the remaining 46 students (25 for elocution and 21 for painting) of class VIII to class X were active in the painting and

elocution competitions. In each, a cash prize of Rs. 1000/- , Rs. 750/- and Rs. 500/- as three prizes respectively were given away to the winners along with certificates. Participation certificates were also distributed to the students.



Children participating in painting competition



Children participating in Elocution competition



Distribution of prizes to the winners

Finally, the event ended with an official program commemorating World Environment Day. Dr. K. K. Pandey, Group Coordinator Research, IWST addressed the gathering. Mr. Mohan Karnat, Director, IWST addressed the students, parents, teachers and staff of IWST and distributed prizes and certificates to the winners of the competitions with Dr. Pankaj Aggarwal, Coordinator of the Programme. Ms. P. R. Triveni, ACTO delivered the vote of thanks.