

Press Release for WED 2014

The Department of Ecology Environment and Remote Sensing organized a State Level function to celebrate the World Environment Day (WED) on 5th June 2014 at SKUAST, Srinagar. Every year World Environment Day is celebrated to generate awareness among the masses about all the issues concerning environment which are linked with the survival of mankind.

Every year a theme is given by United Nations Energy Programme (UNEP) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). This years theme is” Raise your Voice not the Sea Level”. This draws our attention towards the issue of Global Warming and the Impact of Climate change on Small Island Developing States’(SIDS) The issue is also very pertinent to the State since J&K is also facing the onslaught of the Climate change and the impact are visible and there are lessons to be learnt from these states.

The function was chaired by the Hon’ble Minister for Forests Jenab Mian Altaf Ahmad. Speaking on the occasion, he said that J&K being a Fragile State, cannot compromise on the protection of Environment and its forests because, if ecology is safe, tourism is also safe. He added that nature had been very benevolent to J&K and has made it a hot spot of bio-diversity. He asked the participating students of schools to come forward and spread the message of conservation and protection of environment. In all 400 students of 21 schools participated in the event. On the occasion, he also released the ENVIS Newsletter and a report on the “Snow Avalanches and Lanslide study” using GIS and Remote

Sensing, conducted by Sh S A R Shah of the Deptt. Later he distributed prizes among the winners of the debate on the theme of the World Environment Day. Dr Tej Pratap Vice Chancellor, SKUAST who was Guest of Honour, emphasized the need for creating awareness among masses and holding such programmes on regular basis in all the districts. PCCF Abhai Kumar also spoke on the occasion. NGO participant Sh. Nazir-be-Nazir of the National Society for Protection of Water Resources, Wetlands and Forests, also presented the NGO perspective. The Director, Ecology Environment and Remote Sensing, J&K Sh. Suresh Chugh gave welcome address and Scientist Mr Humayun Rashid, presented vote of thanks. Sh. Abdul Razak APCCF /WUCMA, Sh. Ravi Kesar Director FPF, Sh. Deepak Khanna APCCF Planning and Projects, Sh. M J Sharma Director Soil Conservation, CCF, Kashmir Sh. Nissar Ahmad Darzi, Director Social Forestry Sh. Manzoor Tak , Sh. Arun Tickoo Member Secretary PCB, Joint Director Soil Conservation Sh. A M Dar, GM SFC Sh. W J Kaul, Sh. Shaukat Hussain Minto, , Sh. Munir Shayer, CCF WP Sh. S P Sharma, Joint Director FPF Sh. L A Dar and Sh. Javed A Indrabi, Regional Wildlife Warden Sh. Shuja Hydri, Dr. Muzzaffar Gani, Director SKUAST, Prof. Shakeel-ur- Rehamn Head Environment SKUAST were prominent among the participants.

The department is going to have week long function in various districts to create awareness about protection of Environment and Ecology of the State.

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