

**NOTE FOR PRESS ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS AT
MAHATMA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF RURAL ENERGY AND DEVELOPMENT,
JAKKUR, BANGALORE**



World Environment day was celebrated at MGIRED on June 5th, 2015 for students of various schools of North Bengaluru. Students from Sri. Vinayaka Sunrise English School, Presidency School, Nandini Layout, Sindhi School, SLV Vidyanikethan, St. John English School, St. James High School, Adithya National Public School and Silicon Valley School participated in the celebration.

Sri Punati Sridhar, IFS, Additional PCCF and Executive Director, MGIRED inaugurated the programme and in his inaugural address emphasized the role of individuals in protection of environment and sustainable use of natural resources and the need for protection of the only 10% of land area under natural forests for posterity.

In line with the theme of UNEP, Sustainable Production and Consumption - **"Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care,"** the lecture sessions focused on creating awareness about efficient and judicious use of limited resources. Dr. Shobha Anand, Senior Faculty, MGIRED spoke on implications of improper and irrational use of natural resources and the consequential damage to the environment while Sri Praveen Kumar S.P., Senior Faculty, MGIRED sensitized the students on topics related to energy.

Following the lecture session competition like Elocution, Painting, Singing and Poster Making were held in which about 120 students participated enthusiastically. To encourage and promote use of renewable energy appliances Solar Table Lamps and solar torches were given as prizes to the winners of various competitions.



All students took a pledge that they shall be cautious about consuming resources drawn from nature and each school planted a sapling. MGIRED also participated in the exhibitions "**Parisara Habba**" organized by KSPCB at Kanteerava stadium and "**Parisara Mela**" organized by Department of Environmental Science, Bangalore University. MGIRED showcased various exhibits on Renewable Energy, Energy Conservation, Home biogas units, Biodiesel products etc.