

## Report on World Biofuel Day

Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Rural Energy & Development celebrated World Biofuel Day on 10th August 2016 in the Institute campus. 5<sup>th</sup> Semester Students and Lecturers of Mechanical Engineering department from Sri Venkateshwara College of Engineering, Bangalore has participated in the programme. Dr. T.V. Mohandas, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Executive Director, MGIRED was the Chief Guest for the programme.

The programme started with an invocation from Sri. Vaidya, FDA, MGIRED. Dr. Shobha Anand Reddy, Additional Director, Department of Environment introduced the chief guest of the programme to the gathering and also gave brief introduction about the activities of MGIRED. The programme was inaugurated by lighting the Solar lamp by Dr. T.V. Mohandas, IFS, Executive Director and in his inaugural he mentioned about the importance of Biofuels and significance of World Biofuel Day celebration. He also stressed about growing plants and aforestation. The biofuel saplings were distributed to the staff and students. Followed by this the buses of MGIRED and Sri Venkateshwara College of Engineering, Bangalore were run by filling 20% blended biodiesel which is produced from waste cooking oil.

Inaugural session was followed the session on Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation by Sri. Ravi K., Deputy Director, Dept. of Small Wind & Hydro. Students were taken around Institute Exhibition Halls and Energy Park to create awareness about various devices related to Renewable Energy. Also students were taken to District Biofuel Information and Demonstration Centre, GKVK, UAS, Bengaluru to create awareness about Biofuels and biodiesel production from different non-edible oil seeds.

