

Celebration of International Biodiversity Day

International Biodiversity Day was celebrated at Centre for Social Forestry and Eco-Rehabilitation, Allahabad to create awareness regarding the important role of biodiversity in our future. The theme of celebration was 'Water and Biodiversity' as this year has been designated as the international year of water cooperation by the United Nations. The event was organized by Dr. Kumud Dubey, Scientist, CSFER, Allahabad under direction of Dr. V. K. Bahuguna, DG, ICFRE and Dr. S. P. Singh, DDG (Admin) ICFRE, Dehradun and under the supervision of Sri M. K. Shukla, Director, CSFER Allahabad. Dr. Kumud Dubey, organizer of the programme welcomed participants and explained the objective of programme. Under the event, Key lectures from eminent Scientists and a "Scientific Talk" competition on the topic 'Water and Biodiversity' was organized. Reputed Scientists of Local Institutions like Motilal Nehru Institute of Technology, Allahabad, Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture and Technology and Sciences, Naini Allahabad etc. and university students participated in the event. The event was inaugurated by Prof. R.P. Mishra, Ex Vice Chancellor, Allahabad University. In his inaugural address, he emphasized on the importance of water in the conservation of an ecosystem and its biodiversity. Dr. Shivesh Sharma, Head, Department of Biotechnology, Motilal Nehru Institute of Technology, Allahabad, in his lecture, highlighted the importance of Biodiversity and the role of Natural resources to conserve the biodiversity. He stressed for sustainable use of our natural resources. Dr. Vishvarup Mehra, Head, School of Forestry & Environment, SHIATS, Allahabad delivered a key lecture on the issue and discussed the problems in Biodiversity conservation and its mitigation. These key lectures were followed by the "Scientific Talk" Competition. University students participated in the competitions. This competition event was judged by Prof. R.P. Mishra, Ex Vice Chancellor, Allahabad University, Dr. Vishvarup Mehra, Head, School of Forestry & Environment, SHIATS, Allahabad and Dr. Neelam Khare, Assistant Professor, School of Forestry & Environment, SHIATS, Allahabad. The best Lectures were awarded with Ist, IInd and IIIrd and consolation prizes. The prizes were distributed by Prof. R.P. Mishra. Sri Alok Pandey won the Ist prize. There was a tie between two participants Sri Amit Kumar yadav and Sri Atm Prakash Tiwar for IInd prize. The IIIrd prize was won by Sri Pravin Tripathi and Sri Devesh Mishra was consolation prize winner. The programme was ended with the Vote of Thanks from Dr. Kumud Dubey, Scientist, CSFER, and Allahabad. The event was compered by Dr. Anita Tomar, Scientist C, CSFER, and Allahabad. In the event, Dr. Radha Rani, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, Motilal Nehru Institute of Technology, Allahabad, Dr. Satyendra Nath, Assistant Professor, School of Forestry & Environment, SHIATS, Allahabad and Dr. B.K. Pandey, Scientist D, Dr. V.P. Pandey RAI, Dr. S.D. Shukla, RAI of CSFER, Allahabad participated actively.





