

FRCCE Celebrated World Environment Day at Vizag

World Environment Day is the largest global platform for environmental public outreach and is celebrated on June 5th of every year. The theme for this year's celebration is '**Only One Earth.**' The coastline of India is 7516.6km. To protect many coastal regions of peninsular India from submergence due to rising sea levels in future, massive plantation, conservation and restoration of mangroves is very much necessary.

As per instructions from ICFRE, staffs from Forest Research Center for Coastal Ecosystem, arranged mangrove plantation activity in Mangamaripeta. Dr. S. Chakrabarti, Scientist-G, Head of FRCCE initiated the programme that in turn was coordinated by Shri T. Srinivas, Scientist-B. The team was comprised of Dr. Ilham Bano, Scientist-B, Dr. P. Anjaneyulu, Shri M. Ganesh, Smt T. Anusha and Smt. G. Mounika with administrative staff Shri S. Lakshman Rao and Shri Ch. Srinivas.

The team reached the spot of a brackish water body in Mangamaripeta having geocoordinates, Lat 17.845501⁰ and Long 83.409966⁰ by 10:00 am. The water body is located at approximately 100m of distance from Relli beach main road. The team planted saplings of mangroves comprising of *Avicennia marina* and *Acanthus ilicifolius*. The saplings were planted with 3 feet distance from the each other along the shoreline. Kids of FRCCE staff and students from local school also actively participated in the program. Soil and water samples of the area were collected for further analysis at Marine Research Laboratory of FRCCE.

5th June, 2022, Sunday
8-45 AM to 12-30 PM

