

World Environment Day celebrations at ICAR - NBAIR, Yelahanka Campus, Bengaluru

World environment day was celebrated on June 5, 2015 at ICAR - NBAIR Yelahanka campus. In his inaugural address Dr. Abraham Verghese, Director highlighted the need to conserve the environment and preserve the biodiversity so as to make Earth a better place to live in for future generations. He lauded the efforts taken by the scientists to maintain the pollinator diversity in the campus. He informed that planting should be taken not as a ritual but effort must be made to provide care in raising the planted saplings. Dr. T. M. Manjunath, Former Director R&D Monsanto was the Chief guest for the day. In his address he lauded the efforts taken by ICAR – NBAIR in maintaining over 200 species of plants in the campus. He also informed the gathering the role played by plants in maintaining the insect diversity and need to conserve them. The diversity maintained would serve as foraging sites, food for pollinators and parasitoids. The quality of nectar in improving the biological performance of bioagents in pest management was briefed by him and he informed that to achieve this one has to plant trees. He recalled his association in tree planting programme but was pained to see the saplings wilt without aftercare. He informed that planting would be a success if it comes with after care.

This was followed by planting of over 100 saplings by the staff of ICAR - NBAIR. The saplings of over 25 species some of which endangered were planted. The planting ceremony and other activities in the campus like Veterinary and fisheries insect lab and pollinator garden etc. was covered by DoorDarshan-Chandana Network in the same evening.





Dr. Abraham Verghese, Director ICAR-NBAIR addressing the staff on the World Environment Day.



Dr. T.M. Manjunath, Former Director (R&D), Monsanto, addressing the staff of ICAR-NBAIR on the occasion.



Director NBAIR planting the sapling.



Staff of NBAIR planting the saplings.