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CELEBRATING
WORLD WATER DAY AND WORLD FOREST DAY 2022



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22 MARCH
**WORLD
WATER
DAY**

2022 Groundwater



Chief Guest

Dr. Lathamani
Assistant Professor
Dept. Environmental Studies

Presided by

Dr. Deepu P
Principal
Vidyavardhaka Law College, Mysuru

Guest of Honour

Prof. K.B Vasudeva
Director of Legal Studies
Vidyavardhaka Law College, Mysuru

Co-ordinator

Dr. Prashanth T M
Assistant Professor of Law
Vidyavardhaka Law College, Mysuru

Date: 22/03/2022

Time: 11:30AM

Venue: Room No : 08

Topic: The importance of good Forest Supervision on Water

Theme 2022: 'Groundwater, making the invisible visible'.

"Forests and Sustainable Production and Consumption"

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Report on World Forest & Water Day

2021-22

Both world forest day and water day celebrated across the globe on 21st march and 22nd march respectively for the consideration of the value of both the resources, sensitize the issue relating to destruction activities on the both the resources and to educate the world population to protect the same. Indeed on 22nd march 2022, our college by Eco-club organized a day programme to celebrate both the days. This programme was presided over by our Principal Smt. Dr. Deepu P and the *Chief Guest* of the programme was *Smt. Dr. Lathamani*, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Environmental Studies, VVFGC, Mysuru. Prof M C Rajesh welcomed the gathering and the programme was hosted by Dr. Prashanth T M, the programme coordinator.

The *Chief Guest Smt. Dr. Lathamani* while addressing the gathering, spoke about International days are occasions to educate the general public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems, and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 21 March the International Day of Forests in 2012 to celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests. The World Water Day is observed every year on 22 March around the world since 1993. It is celebrated to highlight the importance of freshwater and to spread awareness about it. Water is the most valuable resource on our planet and an essential component of every ecosystem because all living beings need it to support their living processes. Many of us, who live in big cities, enjoy a carefree lifestyle, with 24x7 running taps, swimming pools, Jacuzzis and decorative fountains. Sheltered by this layer of comfort, we remain unaware of the impact of these water-intensive activities on our environment. Rapid urbanisation and water pollution have widened the supply and demand gap, putting enormous pressure on the quality of surface and groundwater bodies. Clean water is destined to become one of the rarest commodities soon, if the general public is not educated about the significance of storing, recycling and reusing water.

Trees play a big role in water conservation they absorb water and release it into the atmosphere the average tree breathes out 250-400 or more gallons of water in one day. On the opposite end of the spectrum, trees also reduce flooding by intercepting approximately 1,000 gallons of water per year per mature tree. Unfortunately, both these saviours of life are being butchered at the hands of humanity, supposedly the most intelligent creation of the Creator. Instead of conserving water, we are wasting it and instead of improving our forest cover to desired levels, we are ruthlessly cutting trees to pave way for our “development”.

In India, around 83 per cent of available fresh water is being used for agriculture. Rainfall being the primary source of fresh water, the concept behind conserving water is to harvest it when it falls and wherever it falls. Custodians of forests are busy in building their own individual empires out of their official authority. For providing sanctions to projects, it is stated that a forest area is “non-forest land”. For justifying increase in staff/ labour, non-forest areas are shown as “forest land”. The Union government had constituted a body, CAMPA, to manage funds (CAMPA funds) for afforestation, in order to compensate for deforestation done to give room for development projects.



CAMPA funds meant for compensatory afforestation are being grossly misappropriated by the custodians themselves. Environmental clearance for various projects is given by the government of India with certain conditions, to ensure that development doesn't tax the environment. But it has become a practice to violate the conditions laid down and no one is bothered. More so, the permissions for development projects are still being

given without bothering about compliance of conditions for environmental clearance in earlier sanctions.

Concluding her speech she mentioned the role of the today's generation to protect and preserve these resources for future generation. Our director of legal education Prof. K B Vasudeva witnessed this programme as guest of honor. The principal Dr. Deepu P in her presidential address made an attempt to sensitize the issues relating to destructions to the above recourse and asked the gathering to play their role to protect and preserve the water and forest resource. Finally, the programme coordinator Dr. Prashanth T M proposed vote of thanks. This programme was witnessed by students and staff.