

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS AND WORLD WATER DAY CELEBRATION

The LEAD Cell, National Service Scheme and Association of Civil Engineering Students of S.G.Balekundri Institute of Technology, Belagavi jointly organised “INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS AND WORLD WATER DAY” on 21/03/2017 at its campus.

Chief Guest of the occasion Mr.P.M.Ganiger, Superintendent Engineer (Retired), Public Works Department addressed the gathering. Every year the world loses 164 m cum of water. Only five countries contribute which is unfortunately led by India. Which includes India's 64%, China's 18%, USA's 8%, North Africa's 6% and Saudi Arabia's 4%. On an average every year India receives 400 Million Hectare meter of water from rain & from snowfall 20 Million Hectare meter as surface water from outside the countries. India has enormous amount of water theoretically as much as 173 million hectare meter which is lost as evaporation or becomes soil moisture, which can be captured directly as rain water or as runoff from small catchments. In India 70% of the water is not potable because it is one or the other way it is polluted. The governments when they started construction of Dams the primary objective was to provide water for irrigation but now they are serving only drinking water to the metros and other townships of the country. Taking the example of the Belagavi district, only Belagavi and Khanapur Taluqs are having potable water. Taking the example of ancestors, they have well planned ecosystem for water harvesting, recharging and utility.

Mr.Amrut Charantimath, Civil Engineer by profession and well known Wild life photographer graced the occasion as a Guest of Honour. Now the Western Ghats have only 12% trees are useful for feeding the birds and animals of the forest, the remaining 24% of trees are acacia. Now it is time for all of us to change the Nursery Rhymes like “Rain Rain Go away to Rain Rain Come early”. A small awareness programs by youths to educate the general public about the optimal utility of water may help the society at large.

Dr.S.S.Salimath, Principal of the college in his presidential remarks, recollected the ancestor's worship the water, sun, air thinking that their life starts and sustained by these three elements. Now it is time to design an eco system where the priority should be given for sustainable development of the environment. He suggested all students to celebrate their birthdays by planting and watering at least one tree on the eve instead of wasting on cakes.

The program was welcome by LEAD Cell and NSS Program Officer Dr.Veeranna.D.K, the guests were introduced by Civil Engineering Association Faculty coordinator Dr.Vijaykumar M.Devappa, Dr.B.R.Patagundi, HOD,Civil Engineering delivered the vote of thanks. Ms.Soumya invoked and hosted by Ms.Pooja Hirekodi. The Heads of the various departments , teaching and non teaching members were present.





