



International Day of Forests

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World Forestry Day or International Day of Forests is celebrated worldwide every year on 21st of March, round the globe, in order to increase the public awareness among communities about the values, significance and contributions of the forests to balance the life cycle on the earth.

Forest Research Center for Coastal Ecosystem, Visakhapatnam celebrated World Forest Day on 21st March 2021 with students of Government Primary School located at Bangarammapalem village of Vakapadu Panchayat. A vast devastation of many hectares of mangrove forest was observed in Bangarammapalem area. The residents of the village and the students along with the teachers also didn't have any idea regarding mangrove and their importance. FRCCE team headed by Dr S. Chakrabati, Scientist-G, visited the mangrove costal-zone of Bangarammapalem, where river Sarada meets the Bay of Bengal on 20.03.2021. The team comprised of Shri T. Srinivas, scientist- B, Shri M. Ganesh, Technical Assistant, Smt. T. Anusha, Technician and Smt. G. Mounika, Technician, conducted a pilot survey on mangrove in that region.

The session was initiated by Smt. T. Anusha and she explained the students regarding the difference between a normal plant and a mangrove. The students were appraised of the root system as well as the propagation of mangrove plants through viviparous seeds. The importance of mangrove in coastal ecosystem, biodiversity components and their conservation were also explained by her. Later Shri T. Srinivas has enlightened the students on carbon sequestration by trees in a mangrove forest. He also highlighted the magnitude of economically important animal species, viz., fish, crab, prawn etc. which definitely support the livelihood of the coastal community.

Glimpses of celebration of World Forest Day

