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World Environment Day celebrations at NIC Hyderabad

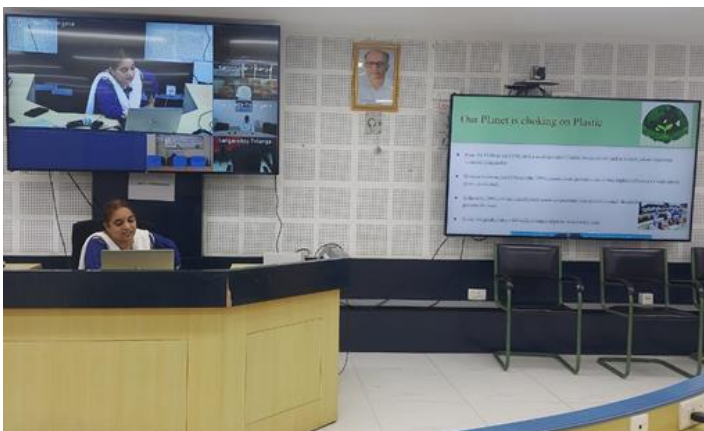
World Environment Day was celebrated on 5th June 2023 at NIC Hyderabad. All the NIC staff including outsourced were requested to participate in the event.

Participants were given fresh leaf badges with '**World Environment Day**' stamped on them. This was a novel idea wherein leaves are used as badges, reflects nature and is also made with least carbon footprint. The stamp could be used anywhere and anytime.

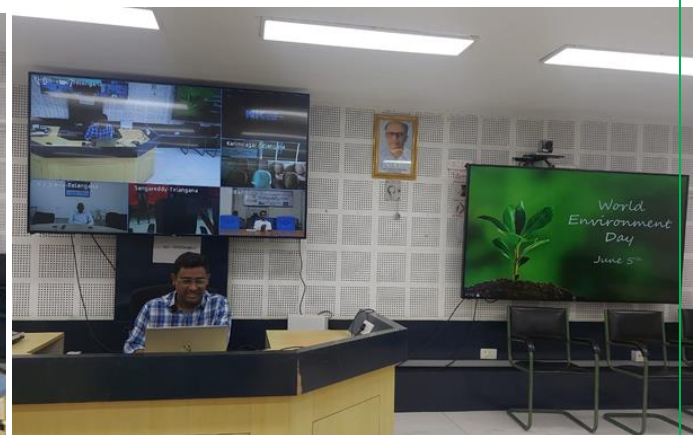


The theme for World Environment Day on 5 June 2023 was #BeatPlasticPollution, focusing on solutions due to plastic pollution. The world is being inundated by plastic. More than 400 million tons of plastic is produced every year, half of which is designed to be used only once.

There were presentations by Ms. B. Sita Mahalakshmi, on the reason for celebrating world environment day was highlighted and another presentation by Sri Bapuji Nakka on the extent of pollution and the harmful effects on mankind.



Presentations by : Mahalakshmi



& Sri Bapuji Nakka

Various initiatives by which people and organizations can contribute to environment conservation were discussed in the meeting.

A unique initiative "**NIC Crockery Bank**" has been started at NIC Hyderabad. About 100-200 pieces, each of steel plates, drinking water glasses, glass bowls (for serving ice creams and sweets dishes) and tea/coffee cups were purchased with voluntary contributions from staff. These can be used for any event in the office and in residences of NIC'ians (regular and outsourced). These items can be taken free of cost, but they must be returned safely. Such effort ensures that less waste is generated and is a small solution for environment conservation which making mother Earth happy.

A Corridor garden was started in NIC Hyderabad in Feb 2023 with waste wooden server boxes as containers. Leafy vegetables were grown and distributed to about 50 NIC staff.



Corridor garden



Small ideas to reduce waste were explained to the staff such as, used Ball point pens can be collected and fitted with refills for reuse rather than disposing them as waste, taking cloth/jute bags for shopping thereby refusing plastic bags being offered by shop keepers, Tiffin boxes/casseroles taken for buying curries and food items. It was collectively agreed to discourage people from getting things in plastic bags into the office premises. It was also requested to stop serving tea/coffee in disposable paper cups in the office, instead use reusable ceramic cups.

In a recent Farewell party in NIC Hyderabad, care was taken that mementos etc. were packed in paper covers, even flower bouquets were wrapped in thick paper instead of plastic wrappers. Flower Bouquets shops had to be convinced and persuaded to replace the plastic wraps with paper wraps.

A few plants were planted in used water bottles.

