

Green Wave 2014- IDB Celebrations in India

The Green Wave 2014 Campaign on 22 May 2014 marking International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) received an overwhelming response in India.

Green Wave-India campaign promoted and popularized by Centre for Environment Education (CEE) received attention across groups. Participation came from students, teachers, government institutions, NGO's and business houses. The plantation activity was carried out in range of habitats like coasts, western ghats, himalayas, arid and semi arid parts of the country.

The diversity of trees varied from deciduous to semi evergreen to evergreen trees such as Teak (*Tectona grandis*), Neem (*Azadirachta indica*), Pongamia (*Millettia pinnata*), Coconut (*Cocos nucifera*), Mango (*Mangifera Indica*) and Banayan (*Ficus benghalensis*) which have a range of uses from medicine to food were planted.

It was noteworthy to witness women self help groups in 4000 numbers participated from Tamil Nadu in the campaign planting about 1000 local tree saplings.

Many groups have uploaded their tree saplings on the CBD's Green Wave Website though, more than 500 groups could not upload their trees due to various reasons, which are now uploaded on Green Wave-India page and Green Wave page on Facebook. On the whole more than 4000 diverse tree saplings have been planted on IDB.

Sustainability Education Initiative Launched !

The Earthian Foundation of WIPRO and the Paryavaran Mitra of the Centre for Environment Education (CEE) have together launched **Sustainability Education Initiative** by engaging schools in a nationwide awareness campaign on Biodiversity. The campaign through tree planting and related creative activities such as slogan designing , photo album creations , story writing about any life that the students love, they will explore biodiversity around them. The idea is to inculcate a sense of appreciation among school students about biodiversity and to inspire and engage them in the protection of biodiversity for sustainability through activities. More than 2000 schools are expected to participate in this initiative across India.

Details can be found at www.paryavaranmitra.in
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International Day for Biological Diversity at Jaipur

To commemorate International Day for Biological Diversity, a district level event has been planned by CEE Jaipur in collaboration with Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board and Rajasthan State Bharat Scouts and Guides. For generating awareness among the citizens, a rally will be organized. Thematic competitions like mask making, essay writing, slogan writing and poster making will be organized for children. A plantation drive will be organized under Green Wave Campaign.

<http://www.ecoindia.com/flora/trees/>