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## RCE-Tirupati Activities – Report and Pictures August to October 2015

Dr.Kalarani Dandala Professor of Biotechnology at S.P.M.University Tirupati presented an interactive talk to sensitize students at Dravidian University, Kuppam in the RCE-Tirupati area on impact of polymers on Environmental quality on August 6 2015 and advised students to avoid use of polymers and try to promote biodegradable biopolymers.



Dr.S.Vijayabhaskara Rao Professor of Physics in S.V.University ,Tirupati presenting an interactive presentation on August 27 2015 on Climate Change and space applications for Eco-management at Vijayam Junior college, Chittoor

Dr.Chendrayudu of S.V.University Geography department is requested to talk to students of Gnanambica Degree college at Madanapalle on importance Watershed Development.

A high profile launch cum sensitization meeting was held on the evening of October 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 at Hotel Pai Viceroy in the presence of several important citizens of Tirupati and good gathering of representatives of NGOs from different parts of India. Several working and coalition partners of RCE-Tirupati representing Educational Institutions and NGOs participated in the meeting. Prof.R.Ramamurthi, Chairman, RCE-Tirupati made a power point presentation on the objectives of chosen agenda of RCE-Tirupati and the methodologies for implementation. The following important persons introduced by

Mr.G.G.K.Murthy attended and responded:Mr.Chadalavada Krishnamurthy, Cairman Board of Trustees of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, MrBhanuprakash Reddy and Mr.P.Hariprasad Members of TTD Trust Board, Mrs Bhagyashri Dengle , Chairperson, Plan India, Dr.Rajendra Dangle , Professor at Jawaharlal All University, New Delhi, Mr.Vaidyanathan Krishnamurthy , Samhita, Mr.Chandan Pal, Secretary , West Bengal Gandhi Peace Foundation, Mr.P.K.Sahoo, CYSD, Bhubaneswar and representatives of Pragathi, REEDS, SAARDS, SADHANA and officials of AGS

Pictures of Launching and Sensitizing ceremony of RCE-Tirupati





Sri Bhanuprakash Reddy Member TTD Board of Trustee and Shri P.Hariprasad,TTD Trust Board member and Plan India Chairperson Mrs. Bhagyashri Dingle of Plan India ,New Delhi and Dr.Janki Andharia of Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai





Ceremonial lighting of the lamp Dr.G.R.S.Rao Chairman, Academy of Gandhian Studies and Executive Director Sri G.G.K.Murthy are seen near Certificate of Acknowledgement of RCE-Tirupati







Chairman of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam Dr.Chadalavada Krishnamurthy interacting with Chairman of RCE-Tirupati Dr.R.Ramamurthi and his wife Annapurna

**EcoChallenge:** Activities and Pictures October 16-29 2015

Responding to the call given by RCE headquarters in Tokyo we generated a group of persons representing RCE-Tirupati who participated in Eco Challenge programme. Lectures, seminar, gardening, collection of leaf litter for composting and clean and green activities.

R.Ramamurthi registered for EcoChallenge and recruited a group consisting of Mrs. Annapurna, Mrs. Nirmala, Dr.Bhupathi Naidu, Dr.K.P.Rao, Dr.Gangadhar for involving in various activities of Ecochallenge. **Brief report of EcoChallenge activities** 

- 1. Gardening at home by members of the group of RCE-Tirupati
- 2. Collection of leaf litter in residence for composting to be used as organic manure
- 3. Sensitizing students on 'Save Earth' campaign
- 4.Half a day seminar on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in S.V.University, Tirupati in which papers and posters relating to medicinal plants, Slums of Tirupati, Remediation of metal contaminated soils, Urban greening, Avoid polymers campaign were presented.







Collecting Leaf Litter by Ram's family

Aloe vira in Ram's garden Bags of leaf litter for composting to be used as fertilizer. Leafy creeper in Kitchen garden of Ram



Partners of EcoChallenge group of RCE-Tirupati lead by Prof. Bhupathi Naidu cleaning the streets in their neighbourhood

Submitted by Prof. Ramamurthi Rallapalli Chairman, RCE-Tirupati October 29 2015