

# Gujarat Cleaner Production Centre – ENVIS Centre

## Report on Celebration of World Environment Day: 2016



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World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated every year on 5<sup>th</sup> June to raise global awareness to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet earth. It is run by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The World Environment Day has been started celebrating as an annual event on 5<sup>th</sup> of June since 1973 at the Stockholm conference, Sweden and then started celebrating annually at global level.

The theme of World Environment Day: 2016 was “**Zero tolerance for the illegal trade in wildlife**” the theme encourages you to take action of your own to help safeguard the species under threat. This also motivates you to show zero tolerance for the illegal trade in wildlife.

- GCPC-ENVIS Centre initiated ‘Cleanliness Drive’ at GCPC-ENVIS Centre inviting officials from GIDC, GIDB and GIZ with objective to raise awareness towards importance and benefits of cleanliness and environmental conservation. “Cleaner Production” (Swachh Utpadan) word itself conveys the message of cleanliness (swachhhta). Under this GCPC-ENVIS team took initiative of cleaning our work place and premises for creating healthy working environment for greener future.

Dr. Bharat Jain, Member Secretary, GCPC and Coordinator, ENVIS shared his views on preservation of environment as per our Indian ideology. In the Plenary Discussion, the participants shared their views on the environment preservation. The participants decided to contribute towards preservation of environment by changing their habits for example, using bicycles in short distances, using public transport for the daily commute to the offices, reducing food waste, saving energy at home and offices by switching of lights and ACs when not in use, including using water efficiently.

Snapshots:

Cleanliness campaign at GCPC-ENVIS office

Before



After



- On the occasion of World Environment Day, a month long environment improvement drive was launched in GIDC Industrial Estate, Vapi with inaugural event called “Streets for All”. The event was inaugurated by Shri Kanubhai Desai, MLA, Pardi, along with Ms. Remya Mohan Muthadath, IAS, Collector Valasad and Shri Gaurang H. Makwanam District Development Officer, Valsad.

The drive was organized by the Vapi Industries Association together with Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation, the Notified Area Authority, the Vapi Green Enviro. Ltd., the Lions Club of Vapi and GCPC-ENVIS Centre.

In the “Streets for All” event, people of all age groups participated enthusiastically and came together to highlight the importance and awareness towards environment.

#### Highlights:

- ✓ Various sports activities were taken up along the street, including hula hoop, snake-ladder, various road shows for awareness, health check-up, yoga, aerobics, Gully cricket, basketball, slow cycling, karate, tree plant sapling distribution and road painting.
- ✓ Around 450 people signed the pledge for environment awareness campaign and taking efforts towards protecting environment.
- ✓ As per local media reports, more than 6,000 people participated in this event.
- ✓ 7,000 trees planted on 5<sup>th</sup> June in single day. These organizations have taken responsibility to plant 50,000 trees during this one month long drive.

Simultaneously, various groups of industries like Micro ink, UPL, Aarti group and other industrialist initiated to plant trees in their factory area through Japanese Technique (Initiated by Shubhendu Sharma followed by R.K. Nair named as Forest Creators). The main advantage of this technique is efficient space management by planting more trees in small area, fast growth, and maximum rate of oxygen which leads to efficient micro-climate.

Various activities will be carried out throughout the month such as awareness drives, cleanliness drive and plantation drive, besides developing a model Street for industrial estate, free sapling distribution etc. The drive was appreciated by the participants as one of its kind and first time ever in Vapi for generating mass awareness and participation.

Snapshots:

**Environmental Drive at Vapi**



- Participation and presentation by GCPC-ENVIS Centre in National Seminar on Environmental and Occupational Health organized by NIOH-ENVIS Centre, Ahmedabad on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

On the occasion of World Environment Day, 2016, NIOH ENVIS Centre on Environment and Occupational Health, invited regional ENVIS Centers GCPC, CERC, CEE and GEC for presenting the role of their respective ENVIS Centers including their activities and achievements.

The programme witnessed participation from various national level organizations working on Occupational Health and Environment conservation. On behalf of GCPC-ENVIS Centre, Ms. Priyanka Joshi, Information Officer made a presentation on 'Role of GCPC-ENVIS in Cleaner Production and Clean Technology'.

She continued her presentation saying; ENVIS provides GCPC a huge platform to disseminate the concept of CP/CT in masses, to its different users such as Industries, Students, NGOs, Government Organizations, and Academicians. She briefed about the promotional activities undertaken by GCPC-ENVIS Centre to in Industries Association and Academic Institution including the activities performed by GCPC-ENVIS on Bhuvan Portal. The session continued with presentation by other ENVIS Centers and valedictory function.

## Snapshots:

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**Ms. Priyanka Joshi, Information Officer, GCPC-ENVIS making presentation on 'Role of GCPC-ENVIS in Cleaner Production and Clean Technology'**



**Mr. Heer Desai, Project Assistant, participated in Seminar on behalf of GCPC-ENVIS Centre**

## Snapshots:

**On the occasion of World Environment Day, 2016 GCPC-ENVIS Centre also initiated a Green Plantation Activity at Common Effluent Treatment Plant Odhav, Ahmedabad**

