World Wetlands Day 2007

M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Kakinada field center and Wildlife Management Division, Rajahmundry jointly celebrated World Wetlands Day on Friday February 2 2007 in Corangi village, East Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh, India. 150 students from Green corps - Aditya Public School, Jagannaickpur, Kakinada, Zilla Prishad Schools of Corangi and Seetaramapuram participated in awareness rally. Mr. P. Satyanarayana, Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division, Rajahmundry flagged off the rally. The students took placards and raised slogans on the importance of the wetlands and their need for conservation.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. P. Satyanarayana, Divisional Forest Officer said that the wetlands are under stress since most of them receive polluted water. Among the wetlands mangroves are important because they are very productive. Dr. R. Ramasubramanian, Scientist M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation briefed different types of the wetlands and the need to conserve them since they play multiple functions ranging from flood control, recharging ground water and serve as a livelihood to the poor fisher folk. Mr. Suresh, Fisheries Development officer, Tallarevu said that the wetlands are nursery grounds for fishes and the fishes are important in addressing malnutrition and are easily affordable.

Students of Aditya Public school, Jagannaickpur, Kakinada, ZP Schools of Corangi and Seetharamapuram spoke about the importance of mangroves in mitigating cyclones and tsunamis and their need to conserve. Quiz related to wetlands and fisheries was organized. Mr. P. Satyanarayana DFO., Wildlife distributed the prices to the winners. Mr. S.S.V. Prasad, N. Veerabhadra Rao of M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, Mr. Ramakrishna, and Mr. Nanda teachers of Aditya Public school and the forest department staff Mr. Muthchyalaya, Mr. Gopi Mr. Sathibau, Mr. Srihari were also participated in the function. Mr. Swarnaraju of M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation gave vote of thanks.





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