

**A Report on the celebration of World Environment Day on 5th June 2017 at
Botanical Survey of India, Western Regional Centre, Pune**

The Botanical Survey of India, Western Regional Centre, Pune celebrated the World Environment Day on 5th June 2017. The theme selected by UNEP for the year 2017 was “**Connecting People to Nature**”. The programme was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Dr. D. K. Tyagi, Additional PCCF, Social Forestry, Forest Department, Pune, Maharashtra by planting one sapling. Besides saplings were also planted by Dr. P. Lakshminarasimhan, Head of Office and the Internal Audit team from Pay & Account’s Office, Kolkata (BSI & ZSI) viz., Shri. Mahesh Kumar Sharma, Sr. Accountant, Shri Pradeep Kumar, Asst. Accounts Officer & Shri Nand Lal Tiwari, Accountant. BSI, WRC also invited children from different schools in and around Pune. Altogether 34 students along with their parents participated in the World Environment Day programme at BSI, WRC, Pune. Dr. D.K. Tyagi and Dr. P. Lakshminarasimhan interacted with school children and explained about conserving the environment by changing their habits for example, using bicycles for short distances, public transport for daily commuting to offices, reducing food waste, saving energy at home and offices by switching of lights and AC’s when not in use and using water efficiently. After that, all students, scientists and staff of Botanical Survey of India, Western Regional Centre, Pune planted indigenous saplings in the office garden. Nearly 25 saplings were planted on the occasion of World Environmental day.

As a prequel to the celebrations, the BSI, WRC conducted Sit and Draw Competition and also Quiz competition for the school children according to their class/age. The competition was as per the theme of the World Environment Day i.e. “**Connecting People to Nature**”. The children enthusiastically participated in the drawing competition by their creative drawings and posters. For Quiz competition two teams were made according to their class / age.



Dr.D.K.Tyagi Addl.PCCF, Forest Dept., Pune during Environment Day at WRC, Pune.



Interaction of the Chief Guest with Students



Visit to Heritage Building



Plantation by Dr. D.K.Tyagi, Addl.PCCF, Pune during World Environment Day at WRC, Pune



Plantation by Dr.P.Lakshiminarasimhan



Plantation by the Internal Audit team, PAO,Kolkata



Plantation by Students



Plantation by Staff of BSI,WRC,Pune



Drawing Competition for students held at Heritage Building



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Quiz Competition for students held at Heritage Building



Group Photo in front of Office building during World Environment Day i.e. 5th June 2017