

Environment Fortnight was observed from 25th May 2015 to 5th June 2015 and World Environment Day Celebrated on 5th June 2015 in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, Hqtrs., Burla

MCL celebrated Environment Fortnight from 25/05/2015 to 05/06/2015, to spread awareness on environmental issues and to sensitize the public on protection of the environment. As a unique initiative, Environment Department, MCL, HQ teamed up with Jagruti Mahila Mandal to spread environmental awareness by organizing various events like Painting on Environmental Theme, Environment quiz, Rangoli on Env't. Theme, Best out of Waste Competition to prove that "Waste is also precious", Best Eco-friendly house & Best Eco-friendly village in **nine peripheral villages namely Durgapalli, Kantapalli, Regulatory Para, Golgunda, Madia Dungri, Kirba, Pani Tanki Para, Gaushala and Sadeipalli.**

The people of the villages overwhelmingly participated in all the events. The painting competition was held in three groups namely Gr-1 for children of 7 to 10 yrs, Gr-II for children of 11 to 13-yrs, & Gr-III for children of 14 to 16 yrs. Pencil, drawing sheet, eraser, sharpener, scale & crayons were provided by MCL. Quiz competition was held for persons of age 16 yrs and above. In Rangoli competition, colours for rangoli were provided by MCL. On an average almost 100 to 150 families participated in the above events.

There were three Prizes, 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each category of the event. Consolation prizes were given to all participants of Rangoli competition. Prizes for the Best eco-friendly house were decided by a 3-member team consisting of two senior officers of Environment department and one from the village and the same team also gave mark to select the Best Eco-friendly Village from amongst the nine participating villages.

Prizes were distributed on the same day by President, Jagruti Mahila Mandal, Smt. Anju Sahay and Vice President Smt. Jyotirmoyee Parida and other senior members of Jagruti Mahila Mandal like Mrs. Vinita Srivastava, Mrs. Sumita Roychoudhary, Mrs. Rekha Singh, Mrs. Poonam Singh, Mrs. Rekha Mukherjee and others. From Environment Department Side Sri R.K. Shrivastava, GM (Env't.) gave away the prizes.

The awareness programme in the peripheral villages completed successfully on 30th May 2015.

The Environment Fortnight Celebration was further continued in the MCL colony from 1st June and it was concluded on 5th June, World Environment Day. Various competitions like Painting, Speech, Essay, Poetry Recitation, Solo Dance, Photography and "Best out of Waste" Exhibition were organized for children, ladies and employees of MCL. Appreciable number of participants turned up for the competitions and made the program successful.

On the morning of 5th June 2015, the World Environment Day, Environment Awareness Rally was organized starting from Anand Vihar Ground via Kirba Village and terminated at DAV School. More than 200 persons from MCL and Jagruti Mahila Mandal and from Kirba Village participated in the Rally which was led from front by President, Jagruti Mahila Mandal Smt. Anju Sahay, Vice President, Smt. Geetanjali

Panigrahi and Vice-President Smt. Jyotirmayee Parida and General Manager (Envt.) Shri R.K.Shrivastava. On reaching DAV School at the end of the Rally, Smt. Anju Sahay, Smt. Geetanjali Panigrahi, Smt. Jyotirmayee Parida and Shri R.K.Shrivastava addressed the gathering and gave few handy tips for protection of Environment like Plantation of Tree on each of the Holy occasion in the village, use of paper and cloth bag to totally eliminate plastic, construction of toilets, cleaning of grabages, conservation of water etc.

At 10.30 AM on 5th June 2015, Environmental Flag was Hoisted by CMD, MCL followed by CIL Corporate Song, Oath Taking, Short Speech by CMD, Message of Chairman, CIL, Inauguration of MCL Nursery and Plantation of Green Coconut Tree in the Nursery area. Speaking on the occasion CMD, MCL stressed on taking special efforts for control of dust pollution in the mines. The program was graced by Shri A.N. Sahay, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, MCL, Shri A.K. Tiwari, Director (Technical/Operations), MCL, Shri Deepak Shrivastava, I.F.S., CVO, MCL, Shri J.P. Singh, Director (Technical/Project & Planning), MCL, Shri P.C.Panigrahi, Director (Personnel),MCL & Shri K.K.Parida, Director (Finance), MCL,

Final Day Celebration & Prize Distribution Programme was held at Jagruti Vihar Auditorium in the evening. Shri R.K.Shrivastava, GM(Envt.) gave the Welcome Speech. Dr. N.L.N.S. Prasad, Advisor Environment and CMD, MCL delivered their speech followed by a short film presentation of the Environment Fortnight Celebration carried out in the villages and MCL colony from 25th May to 5th June 2015.

Prizes were given away by Shri A.N.Sahay, CMD, MCL , Smt. Anju Sahay, President, Jagruti Mahila Mandal, Smt. Anita Tiwari, Vice-President, Jagruti Mahila Mandal, Smt.Geetanjali Panigrahi, Vice-President ,Jagruti Mahila Mandal and Smt. Jyotirmayee Parida, Vice President, Jagruti Mahila Mandal.

Anchoring in the Program was conducted by Dr. Shambhu Jha & Ms Sujatha A.M.

Program was conducted by Shri Y. Mishra, Shri M.R.Samantray & Shri Rakesh Pradhan.

Vote of thanks was proposed by Shri C. Jaydev.