



Moodbidri: Environ stakeholders attend Lake 2016, International Conference at Alvas College

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Moodbidri, 29 Dec 2016: 'Environment, energy, ecology are three key parameters for sustainable development. But, unfortunately these three areas are threat. Hence, it is high time to create awareness in the minds of public, particularly in children, policy makers and government, in order to have sust development,' said Professor Byrappa, vice chancellor, Mangaluru University.

He was speaking after inaugurating Lake 2016: International Conference on 'Conservation and Sustainable Management of Ecologically Sensitive Reg Western Ghats" Organized by Energy and Wetlands Research Group, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangaluru and Alva's C Moodbidri and Alva's Institute of Engineering and Technology, Mijar, near here at Dr V S Acharya auditorium, Vidyagiri, here on Wednesday, December 28

He further said, 'Environment is polluted by various reasons. Manmade and natural calamities are adversely affecting our ecological system. Urbanizati increasing the population in urban places pressurizing water and sanitation facilities, resulting in environmental pollution, health hazards. In this juncturi has to think of alternative energy or non conventional energy roots. There is vast potential in India, the country is blessed with enormous amount sunligh water and wind energy and it should be utilized properly,' he said. Solar panels are made compulsory in every house for heating and lighting purpose, he a

In keynote address, Dr T V Ramachandra, CES, IISc Bengaluru and chairman of Lake Conference said, 'Western Ghat is spread only in 2.5 percent geographical area of India, but unfortunately we fail to protect this small biosphere. He added and said, make mother earth wear with green sari and don't her to wear skirt. Out of Rs 5,798 crore GDP of our country, forest contributes only 3 percent, and it is very negligible country like huge natural resourc advised youth to don't make the same mistakes over generation being doing. Erroneous judgement made Cauvery issue keep alive. Rejuvenating water t lakes, ponds, and streams can really make difference in preserving water bodies maintaining the temperature,' he said.

Sonda Swarnaswamiji Mutt, Sirsi, Swami Gangadharendra Saraswathi said, 'Encroachment of lakes area, low level of ground water and our mindset to environment are three things reason for all the problem present in the system. Water harvesting, green vegetation, planting more plants will retain the water. Strong law should be enforced towards protection of environment,' he said. Kappadagudda and Yettinahole project should be dropped for longer be society and environment, he urged.

Presiding the program, Alva's Education Foundation chairman Dr Mohan Alva said, 'Don't cultivate anything for fashion, instead make it passion, it may h or love towards environment.'

Later in the session the people who served in academics, environmental and scientific fields are felicitated. Gopal Krishna Bhat, Harish Krishnamurthy, Mukhri, Alli Rani were the honoured achievers.

Technical session was held after the formal program. In first technical session, Ananth Hegde Ashisar spoke about Conservation of Western Ghats.

Johny Biosphere Session by M A Khan

'You can be the change maker.' said M A Khan. Further into the interaction he educated the audience about Mother Earth and the threats she is facing present world. He also spoke on the responsibilities of the people of the world towards nature. He included stories, examples and experiences. 'Ever creates an ocean.' Likewise the people of the earth should join hands to bring about a global wide development.

Taking over the sessions Alli Rani, Vrijlal and Chaturved added more and more into the interaction to make the young minds more aware .All in all the se were interesting, educative and entertaining which moulded them.

Jain Mutt - Moodbidiri Swami Swasthi Sri Bhattaraka Charukeerthi, environmentalist Suresh Heblkar, MLA K Abhaychandra Jain, Western Ghat Task former president Ananth Hegde Ashisar, Vagdedvi Foundation CEO Harish Krishnamurthy, Alava's Education Foundation trustee Vivek alva, Alva's C principal Professor Kurian, Vidyanikethan School - Bengaluru CEO Vijay Rajagopalan were present among others.