

## **World Environment Day Celebration on Protection and Conservation of Environment and Biodiversity: Post COVID 19**

Venue: Livestock Production Management Hall, Ranchi Veterinary College, Birsa Agricultural University, Kanke, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India.

National Agriculture Higher Education Project-Centre For Advanced Agricultural Science and Technology (NAHEP-CAAST) on Integrated Farming System, organised a programme for World Environment Day Celebration on 06 June 2020 focusing on the Protection and Conservation of Environment & Biodiversity: Post COVID-19 at Veterinary College, Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi with follow of social distancing.

The event started with the address of Principal Investigator of World Bank Project, NAHEP - CAAST Dr. M. S Malik, who gave a brief overview of the ongoing project on Integrated Farming System Model for the State of Jharkhand followed by a presentation on World Environment Day, "Time for Nature". Dr. Malik emphasized on the current Environmental issues i.e., locust attack, cyclone (Nisarga & Amphan) amidst the pandemic of COVID-19. He focused on Technological advancements for saving the nature and about adoption of sustainable lifestyle practices like recycle and reuse of waste. Dr. Malik highlighted on the importance of every individual working hand in hand to save our mother Earth. The next speaker Dr. N. Kudada, Registrar, BAU presented his view on the importance of nature in human's life and the interaction of all components like tree, crop and livestock to make our life successful. Dr. B. K Agarwal, Soil Scientist and Co-PI of the project, delivered his ideas on conservation of resources in the university itself through plantation programmes and adopting water harvesting techniques to make the Green and Eco-safe Campus. Dr. B. C. Oraon from College of Forestry stepped up his views on environment and involvement of important components in making our environment sustainable, encouraged local people to take up practice of planting trees. Dr. M. K. Gupta from College of Veterinary, emphasised on the development of sense of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) among individuals, highlighting how our nature revived during COVID-19 lockdown period. He also advised the members of NAHEP-CAAST project to start outreach programme and provide assistance to the rural community to uplift their livelihood standards through various means. Dr A. K. Singh (Associate Dean, College of Fisheries Science) shared his personal experience of water harvesting of rainwater in cities as well as villages. He also voiced his thought about the benefits of plantation drive in areas having less vegetation. Later on, Dr. Sushil Prasad (Dean, College of Veterinary Sciences) depicted some important fact about plants and nature as a whole and made us realize how we are ignorant of those benefits. Dr. Alok Kumar Pandey, Univ. Prof. cum Chief Scientist, Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry, shared his experience and proceeded for vote of thanks, thanking each and every individual and especially Dr. Malik for organizing this programme on World Environment Day under NAHEP-CAAST. Finally, Dr. Malik, enthusiastically welcomed all the suggestions given.



The officials along with the audience proceeded for planting of important trees like Neem, Karanj and Gulmohar, etc. at the premises of the Department of Livestock Production Management. All the Faculty members of College of Veterinary and staff members of NAHEP-CAAST were present during the programme.

