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COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

Celebration of International Day for Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem

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Introduction

The International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem is celebrated every year on 26 July. Since 2015, UNESCO has adopted this day to commemorate the Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem with the aim to raise awareness on the importance of mangrove as a ***“unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem”*** and to promote solutions for their sustainable management, conservation and uses.

Activities detail:

Puducherry EIACP Hub conducted an awareness talk on ‘Marine Litters in Mangrove ecosystem’ and clean up drive programme at Art and Craft Village, Murungapakkam, Puducherry on 26.07.2024.



Place of Event: Murungapakkam Mangrove Areas

Er. S. Sudalai, Assistant Professor, Centre for Environmental Engineering and Management, Pondicherry University would have provided valuable insights into the impact of marine debris on mangrove environments. Mangroves are particularly vulnerable to pollution and litter, as the dense root systems can trap floating debris, which can then harm the mangrove plants and the organisms that rely on them.

His expertise in environmental engineering and management would have been instrumental in educating the volunteers about the importance of keeping these ecosystems clean and healthy.

The practical aspect of the event, the clean-up drive, is a hands-on way for participants to contribute to the conservation of the mangrove ecosystem. By instructing volunteers on proper waste collection methods and ensured that the clean-up efforts were effective and did not inadvertently cause further harm to the delicate mangrove environment.

Events raised awareness about environmental issues and engaging the community in conservation efforts. They not only help in cleaning up the environment but also in educating people about sustainable practices and the importance of preserving natural habitats. It's heartening to see such proactive measures being taken to protect the mangrove ecosystem in Puducherry.

More than 150 Volunteers from School students, NSS volunteers, NGO's, Staff of the Institution and Government Departments were participated the said event. Necessary gears such as, Hand gloves, Mask, Large Bags and sanitizer were provided to the volunteers to ensure personal hygiene and safety. During the cleaning operation, around 275 kg of wastes and derbies collected from the mangrove area and the garbage was properly handed over to Pondicherry Municipality for safe disposal.

Photoclips of Mangrove clean-up drive



Digitally released Mangrove Day Infographic



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