EDITORIAL

Telangana government has pronounced that there would be strict measures to stop forest felling in the state. Chief Minister through news media has announced that the state would strengthen the law and take up various approached to protect forests. CGR welcomes the pronounced commitments. However we need to see those aspirations make a real difference.

In the last three decades the state has lost about 30% of forest. According to various sources only about 12% of forest with considerable density is remaining in the state, though the forest cover is said to be about 24% in the state.

Ambitious Harithaharam program will never stand equal to the age old forests and its genetic wealth.

The Sacred Ganges drew millions of souls for a dip in its holy water for this Kumbhmela (2019) at Prayagraj. We must appreciate the governments for making necessary arrangements to the huge crowds during the mela. Because of its purity and role and its role as a lifelines of indo-gangentic plains, the river was so revered. Such is the reverence should also turn into responsibility to save the river from pollution, encroachments, sand mining and catchment degradation. Let us all pledge to commit for a pure and serene nature in this ancient holy land.
**CGR meets at Professors farm**

On 5th January 2019, CGR members joined at Farmstead of Prof. K. Purushotham Reddy at Mote Ghanpur, outskirts of Hyderabad on Bangalore High Way. It was in this meeting to go for 1 million plantations in 2019 and to initiate citizens environmental monitoring system.

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**SDGs in Jammu**

Mr. Ankush Verma from Jammu briefed on Gandhi Global Family initiative on SDGs in Jammu. They have been promoting these goals by partnering with 17 schools, which are guided by 17 colleges from Jammu University and J&K Government is also a crucial in these initiative. Different activities are taken up by the respective networks on each goal and a mega event is organized. The activity reports and accomplishment are sent to Jammu University which compiles it into an annual report.
• We all wish the best in advance, Happy Birthday (February 14\textsuperscript{th}) to our advisor and renowned environmentalist Prof. K. Purushotham Reddy, CGR advisor, who made decades of environmental struggles and inspired many towards protection of nature.

• \textbf{World Water Day 2019}: WWD is observed on 22 March with the theme of “\textit{Leaving no one behind}”. Send your insights to contact@cgrindia.org and observe the day at your area to create a water secure world.

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• We are pleased to share that Dr. Indrasena Reddy, active member of CGR has been nominated for many esteemed boards and organization such as a Honorary Member, Animal Welfare Board, Faridabad, National Board for Environmental Clearance, Indian Institute for Workers Education and EC Member, Moulana Abdul Kalam National Urdu University.
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