EDITORIAL

Monsoon is one of the most important components of global climatic system. It is a seasonal reversing wind accompanied by corresponding changes in precipitation. The major monsoon systems of the world consist of the West African and Asia-Australian monsoons. The term was first used in English in British India and neighbouring countries to refer to the big seasonal winds blowing from the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea in the southwest bringing heavy rainfall to the area. The foodsecurity, livelihoods, economy, ecology and wellbeing in India, and many south and south East Asian countries are solely dependent on the monsoon. It is life and it is Godly called Varuna Deva. Life renews with the onset of monsoon. The new life cycle on land begins and economic cycle of the country. Such is the value of the monsoon.

Let us rever the rain god who brings precious blue gold. Let us use it wisely, let us conserve it for the year and the further years. Let us grow local crops. Keep it clean; share it among all humanity and all the other creatures in ecosystem. Let us keep our places healthy. Let us reduce green house gases which cause global warming and subsequent climate change. Let us wish the rain god to bring enough rain and happiness all over earth.

"Earth': You are our Mother and we are your Children. ‘Clouds': May you make our Earth green and full of crops through your rain in the rainy season and nourish us like Father-Atharvaveda 12/1/1"
CGR update

Mainstreaming Geo Spirit Meets at Earth Centre

 Ether, air, fire, water, earth, planets, all creatures, directions, trees and plants, rivers and seas, they are all organs of God’s body. Remembering this, a devotee respects all species—Srimad Bhagavatam

The Geo Spirit meets are being organized by the Earth Centre. During Geo Spirit meets people from various disciplines would be made aware and sensitized to reinforce each individual’s goals for the sustainability of Earth. These programmes are organized by CGR in the pristine natural surroundings in which the experts sensitize the participants on their respective goals for achieving the SDGs. By which one could make one’s life more meaningful. This Geo Spirit meets enables each individual gain a lifelong experience to contemplate one’s goals for the earth and in realizing them over a period of time. The Geo Spirit meets organized at the Earth Centre starts on Saturday evening and ends by Sunday forenoon. Apart from creating awareness on the challenges for earth sustainability, there will be certain exercises to connect with the nature and the environment. So far 50 meets were organised in different parts of the country by the Earth Leaders associated with these programmes. Regular meets are organized at the Earth Centre. CGR provides the basic food and accommodation (mostly in tents) during the programme. The participants have to arrange the travel on his own.
Geo Spirit on SDG 15

Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss...

CGR organised a Geo Spirit - Earth Leaders Meet at Earth Centre, Anmaspalli on 15 & 16 June 2019. About 40 participants gathered at the Earth Centre where all have undergone a transformative process for the cause of mother earth. The participants include MSW students from Mahatma Gandhi University, Village youth from Anmaspalli, Saireddygudem, Maisigandi, Mucherla, Jammala…CGR members, college faculty, CGR members, and children.

Trough serene twilight, over the night under the benevolence of moon above with its cool, silvery shine spread over the boulders, trees and all of us there, amid the calmness punctuated by the wilder voices of birds and insects, many gathered here at Earth Centre to reconnect and to commit for the cause of nature. Over the night we lit a fire of dead twigs and fallen dry branches and spread around on a sheet rock after climbing down from the natural ramparts of the hillocks. Discussion went on with a break of traditional snack- palli(pee nuts), bellam(Jaggery), putnalu. While Dr. Sai Bhaskar led the discussion, Dr. Narsimha Reddy, Public Policy expert elaborated the aspirations of SDG 15 Land on Life connecting them to the local and regional context. With the sun coming up, the team experienced wake up of natural world, felt the rays, filtered the sun, felt the breeze, earth rock, smell and aura of trees. Made a transect and found a verity of wildflowers in
difference hues, pebbles, insects, birds etc.
17 June 2019—World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

United Nations Conference to Combat Desertification and Drought came into being 25 years ago. UNCCD declared 17th June as World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification. The day is a unique moment to remind everyone that land degradation neutrality is achievable through problem-solving, strong community involvement and co-operation at all levels. The campaign for 2019 runs under the slogan "Let's grow the future together" and apex event is organized in Ankara, hosted by the government of Turkey. UNCCD looks at the broad picture of the next 25 years where we will achieve land degradation neutrality. The day ponders upon a creating a world where land degradation neutrality provides a solid basis for poverty reduction, food, water security as well as climate change mitigation and adaptation. CGR observed the day at The Earth Centre, Anmaspalli and shared the information brochure to media and people in the region.
Geo Spirit for public representatives
CGR organized a Geo Spirit-The Earth Leaders Meet on the theme “Public Representatives, Commitments for Environmental Sustainability”. Organised on over 29th & 30th June 2019, at the Earth Centre, the meet was coordinated by Mr. Shankar, Sarpanch, Anmaspalli, facilitated by Dr. Sai Bhaskar Reddy. Over the dusk in the light drizzle, local public representatives and youth numbering 25 gathered in the cave under a massive granitic boulder around a campfire to listen to Prof. K. Purushotham Reddy, Renowned Environmentalist. He gave the thematic speech to introduce the topic and motivate the participants. He said that the village panchayatis are equally powerful as parliament. Hence, they should work for the protection of the natural resources and rights of the people. He said that there should be real sustainable development in all the villages. After dinner, the members gather again where CGR founders K. Leela Laxma Reddy and K. Laxma Reddy joined the meet. Everyone has made commitments for a year and for five years for the cause of Earth in balance.
Green Village Plantation
CGR has conducted plantation drive in Ravichedu on 30th June 2019 at temples and roads in the village. CGR President Smt. K. Leela Laxma Reddy initiated the planting and villagers and Sarpach has participated. Mr. Shashikanth from the village has supported the programme and provided 100 tree guards.

Forthcoming...
Krishna-Bheema Vanachaitanya Yatra: CGR in association with Narayan Pet District Administration has taken up massive tree plantation through out the district through 100 schools. The programme is inaugurated on 10th July followed by an intensive orientation campaign at all schools. We welcome CGR members and green volunteers for to join and strengthen the programme. For details call CGR and join for this noble mission to stop desertisation and mass migration.
It is the unfailing fall of rain that sustains world. Therefore, look upon rain as the nector of life. Thirukural Kural 11

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