Editorial

It is the season of Seetaphal, the custard apple. These are extensively found in rural wilderness and villages relish it on the trees or ripen it and eat. Going out in the village for seetaphal in villages wilderness is one of memory of most who comes from villages.

The flesh is fragrant and sweet, creamy white through light yellow, and resembles and tastes like custard hence we call it widely as custard apple in English. It is also known as sugar-apple, or sweetsop. The plant (Annona squamosa) is native of the tropical Americas and West Indies. The Spanish traders introduced it to Asia.

It is one of the important nutritious seasonal diets in our country and other countries which is high in energy, an excellent source of vitamin C and manganese, a good source of thiamine and vitamin B₆, and provides vitamin B₂, B₃, B₅, B₉, iron, magnesium, phosphorus and potassium in fair quantities.

Due to expansion of farming and other pressures this fruit species is declining in a rapid manner. We need to leaves the parts of nature to protect this species which enriches the seasonal diet of village.

Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet-Jeen Jacques Rousseau

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JC Bose Memorial Gardens

As part of Krishna-Bheema Vanachaitanya Yatra massive tree plantation drive in Narayanpet district, CGR has initiated JC Bose Memorial Gardens Programme. Through this programme CGR has provided 20 to 50 tall saplings (10ft) of 9 verities to each school for 89 schools in Narayanpet district. CGR organised plantation on 7th September 2019 ZPHS Girls and Boys Schools Marikal village and Mandal Narayanpet district. Mr. Ravinder, DEO Narayanpet inaugurated the programme. The saplings were procured by CGR from Kadiyam nurseries in Rajahmaundry and distributed to the schools to all the schools in the CGR staff is on field monitoring and involving in plantation programme in schools.

Mr. Yashwanth, Mr. K. Krishnaiah, Mr. Ravi from CGR participated in the programme. On the day saplings were distributed to KGBV Marikal, ZPHS, Marikal, ZPHS Girls Marikal, ZPHS Marikal Urdu, ZPHS PC Kunta, ZPHS Kanmanur. Subsequently, saplings were schools of 11 mandals were carried out on 11th, 12th and 13th September 2019. On a total 1375 saplings were planted in 89 schools through the programme.
Green Village Plantation
With an aim to create model green villages CGR has procured tall and healthy saplings of about 50 verities and provided them to the villages. As a continuation the green village programme CGR in the month of September taken up plantation programme in various villages following are the details of the programme.

Plantation at Symbiosis University
CGR facilitated green campus imitative by providing and planting saplings in Symbiosis University premises, Mamidipalli village, Nandigama mandal, Ranga Reddy district on 10th September 2019. CGR provided 1155 saplings and planted by faculty and students, Mr. P. Kotaiah, CGR Programme Officer co-ordinated the programme. Beside the campus, the saplings were planted at Mamidipally Government School, Mamidipalli village and a hamlet of Mamidipalli.

Haritha Gramam Plantation at Mondichinta Thanda
CGR facilitated planting of 483 saplings Mondichinta Thanda, Thirumalagiri mandal, Suryapet district on 11 September 2019. Mr. Mohan Babu, Sarpanch, Mr. Yakub Reddy, Panchayat Secretary, Mr. Pravin, Special Officer, 30 days programme in villages, ward members, Mr. Nuna, Mr. Mangya, Mr. Ramesh and villagers were present in the programme. Mr. R. Venkatesh from CGR co-ordinated the programme.

Plantation at Kadthal
CGR facilitated planting of saplings along Srisaialm National Highway in Kadthal village & mandal Ranga Reddy district limits on 17th September 2019. About 300 saplings procured and provided by CGR were planted all along the divider median of highway in the village. Mr. Laxmi Narsimha Reddy Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat members and staff, villagers have participated in the village.

Arkapalli Plantation
CGR facilitated planting drive at Arkapalli village, Madgul mandal, Ranga Reddy district on 19th September 2019. 227 saplings procured by CGR were 12 varieties for avenue plantation. Mr. Yerpula Janagaiah, Sarpanch, ward members, Mr. Kotaiah, Programme Officer, CGR and villagers participated in the plantation of saplings at Gram Panchayat premises and along roads in the village. Also on the same day, NRGES labour in the villagers participated and erected fences of thorny branches. Smt. Leela Laxma Reddy addressed students at Pentatanda primary school in Madgul mandal, Ranga Reddy district on 19th September 2019. She spoke on environment and social development. Saplings were planted in the school premises.
Jaipal Reddy Smruthi Vanam at Andugula
CGR Facilitated the creation of a memorial garden in the name of Late Sri S. Jaipal Reddy, former union minister at Andugula village, Madgul mandal, Ranga Reddy district on 19th September 2019. CGR procured 1502 saplings of 32 verities for the purpose. There are 500 households in the village and each household was provided with two saplings (fruit bearing and flowering plants). 200 big saplings of 10 ft and 300 medium size saplings were planted along roads and other village spaces.

Mr. Banala Manohar Reddy, an NRI from Andugula sponsored the programme. Smt. Leela Laxma Reddy, President CGR, Mr. K. Krishnaiah, and Mr. Kotaiah programme officers were present in the meeting. Smt. Jayalaxmi Raju, Sarpanch, Mr. Shyamsunder, Headmaster, ZPHS, Smt. Jyothi Rajashekar Reddy, MPTC, Smt. Laxmi Reddy, youth and other villagers participated in the programme.

Plantation at Mote Ghanpur
CGR planted 226 saplings at Mote Ghanpur village in Farooq Nagar mandal, Ranga Reddy district on 21st September 2019. Mr. Kotiah facilitated the programme.

Plantation in Irwin
CGR procured 925 saplings of 13 local verities for plantation in Irwin village, Madgul Mandal, Ranga Reddy district on 27th September 2019. 50 tall and mature saplings were planted in ZPHS School premises of the village. Mr. Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, Head Master of the school, Students have participated in the school plantation.

Rest of the saplings were planted at homestead and along the roads in the village. Mr. Jangaiah, Sarpanch and villagers have participated in household and avenue plantation in the village. Mr. Kotaiah from CGR co-ordinated the programme.
National Meet on Climate Emergency

Council for Green Revolution Environmental Organization, in association with Capital Foundation Society New Delhi is organizing a National Meet on Climate Emergency on 20th September 2019, Friday, 3.00 pm onwards, at Constitution Club of India, Rafi Marg, New Delhi. Chief Guest was Justice Swatanter Kumar, Former Chairperson, National Green Tribunal. Guest of Honor was Dr. Bhure Lal, Chairman, Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA), National Capital Region, Prof. K. Purushotham Reddy, Former Head, Dept. Political Science, Osmania University, Environmentalist presided the Programme. Shri R. Dileep Reddy, Chairman, GrACE and Prof. Pushpa Kumar Lakshmanan Faculty of Law, University of Delhi spoke on the occasion.
SHRI R. DILEEP REDDY, CHAIRMAN, GRACE
SHARING CONCERNS AT CLIMATE MEET

MR RAJI REDDY, SPEAKING AT CLIMATE MEET AT DELHI

DR. T. INDRASENA REDDY SPEAKING AT CLIMATE MEET

Ms. M. SHRAVYA REDDY AT CLIMATE MEET

DIGNITARIES BRIEFING MEDIA AT CLIMATE EMERGENCY MEET

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Earth leadership training at Thorrur

CGR in association with Vandemataram Foundation organized a three day training programme on ‘Earth leadership for Sustainable Development’ at Nitin Bhavan, VMF premises, Thorrur, Mahabubabad district during 29th September to 1st October 2019. 230 government high school children predominantly from 8th to 10th classes have participated in the programme. Regional Joint Director Education Dept. Mr. Rajiv inaugurated the programme. Mr. Buchaiah, MEO also present in the inaugural.

Dr. N. Sai Bhaskar Reddy, Environmental Scientist, Shri Ravindra, VMF Mr. C. Umamaheswar Reddy, Environmental Scientist spoke to the students on the day one. Children performed Vrikshadeeksha by bowing to the trees, tying vrikhadeeksha bands of threads to the trees and chanting green commitments standing around the trees.

At valedictory Smt. K. Leela Laxma Reddy, President, CGR, M. Srinivas, ZPTC Thorrur addressed the gathering and presented the certificated. A resolution of Vrikshadeeksha was brought out. The programme was interactive and many students shared their views and commitments for the programme. Mr. R. Venkatesh from CGR co-ordinated the programme while Mr. Mahender, Mr.
SHRI RAVINDRA, VMF MOTIVATING CHILDREN

SMT. LEELA LAXMA REDDY ADDRESSING AT HT VALEDICTORY OF TRAINING

VRIKSHADEEKSHA PLEDGES AND COMMITMENTS BY CHILDREN IN VMF PREMISES
Other Updates

Invited talk National Seminar on Environment and Biodiversity

Mr. C. Umamaheswar Reddy gave an invited talk at a National Seminar on Environment, Biodiversity, Climate Change and Human Health organized by Dept. Zoology, Nizam College, Hyderabad in its campus on 25th September 2019. Mr. Krishnaiah, Programme Officer, and Mr. Yashwanth, Programme Co-ordinator have participated in the event.

Release of Eastern Ghats Outlook

CGR and GrACE is releasing Eastern Ghats Environment Outlook on 15th October 2019, New Delhi, India by inviting Shri Pranab Mukherjee Honorable Former President of India as Chief Guest.

Participation in Green India Conclave

Mr. C. Umamaheswar Reddy and Mr. K. Krishnaiah from CGR have participated in Green India Conclave on 24th September 2019 at Atal Bihari Vajpey Farm House, Ameenpet farm near Shamshabad. The programme was organised by Igniting Minds and Walk for Water NGOs.
Happy Dasara & Happy Deepavali

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