



## DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY & ECOCLUB

Name of the Event: “INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS”

Date: 21-3-2025

**Chief Guest:** Sri Chiranjeev chowdhary IFS (Retd), Secretary & commissioner, Horticulture, Secretary, Co-Operative Society, Principal & Chief Conservator of Forests

**Guest of Honour:** Sri Dyana Chandra, IAS, Municipal Commissioner, Vijayawada

**Special Guest Speaker** : Komera Jaji, Social activist, Conservation of Nallamala forest.

Brief report:

The Department of **Botany & Ecoclub** organized an awareness program on “INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS”. All the First year degree, second Botany and III BZC degree students participated. On this occasion, the awareness program held at Siddhartha Women's College began with the lighting of the lamp and the singing of a prayer song. Chief Guest

Sri Chiranjeevi Chowdhury IFS (Former principle chief secretary, Principle & chief conservator of forests) spoke about why forests are disappearing? It is our responsibility to protect them for our future generations. He shared a formula we should all follow 3-30-300. He emphasized that it is our responsibility to protect them for further generations

3 means - we should be able to see at least 3 trees from where we live.

30 means... 30% of the area around us should be covered with green plants.

300- means there should be a park with in every 300 meters.

Prominent environmentalist and environmental warrior Sri Komera Ankarao (Jaji) said that for three decades, he has been returning to the Nallamala forests, removing plastic waste and broken bottles that are harmful to birds and animals in the forest... making seed balls and throwing them in the plains, controlling fires in the forests that burn in the scorching summer and saving many trees, animals and birds, He also educating students in many schools and turning them into forest lovers. College Principal Smt. Kalpana said that the youth need mentors like Komera Jaji.



Sri Chiranjeevi Chowdhury, IFS & Komera Jaji observing Roof top harvests ,Medicinal plants & Sparrow models



Roof top harvest & Sparrow models display by I BSc Botany and Biochemistry students.





**Speech by Chief Guest:** Sri.Chiranjeev chowdhary, IFS (Retd.),Secretary &commissioner of Horticulture,Secretary Co-Operative Society, Principal & Chief Conservator of Forests



**Speech by Special Guest Speaker** : Komera Jaji Social activist, Conservation of Nallamala Forest.



Speech By Special Guest Speaker Komaram Jaji (Ankarao) Social activist, involved in the Nallamala Forest.



### Prize distribution



Sparrow Drawing competition : First prize winner M.Noorjahan II BSc Botany



Sparrow Poster presentation competition :First prize winner M.Noorjahan II BSc Botany



Best innovation idea for poster presentation by A.Lahari Reddy II BSc Botany



First prize winner in the Model making competition R.Deekshitha & Ab.Aafreen I BSc Botany



## Press report clippings :

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**સાક્ષી**

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## SDMSM College principal stresses urgent need to protect forests

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Raising concern over shrinking forest areas, Sri Durga Malleswara Siddhartha Mahila College Principal Dr. S. Kalpana emphasized the urgent need to protect forests to prevent environmental disasters.

The college marked 'International Day of Forests' on Friday with an awareness program. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kalpana highlighted that deforestation is leading to natural calamities and stressed the importance of expanding forest cover. She urged collective efforts to safeguard forests, emphasizing their crucial role in maintaining ecological balance and supporting human life.

Retired IFS officer Chiranjeevi Chowdary elaborated on the vital role forests play in sustaining life and protecting the environment.



He expressed concern over the lack of rainfall in the Nallamala and Maredu Hill forest regions in recent months due to indiscriminate deforestation. The residents in these areas, he noted, are surviving on the residual rainfall from previous seasons.

Chowdary also warned about the harmful effects of deforestation, rising pollution, and excessive pesticide use. He recalled how India

once had cheetahs in its forests before their extinction in 1953 due to habitat loss, forcing the country to import cheetahs from abroad.

Special Officer K. Anka Rao underscored how deforestation leads to the destruction of wildlife habitats. He explained the critical role trees play in oxygen generation and environmental protection, benefiting both humans and wildlife.



