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World Environment Day celebrated at Car Nicobar DC highlights ill effects of pollution on environment & ecology



Port Blair, June 5 DC, Nicobar was the

chief guest while Shri World Environment Paul David, Captain Day was celebrated at of Perka village was ICAR- KVK Nicobar, the guest of honour. at Perka village. Smti About 50 farmers Jyoti Kumari, IAS, participated in the (Contd. on last page)

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awareness-cum- massive tree plantation drive. In her address, the chief guest stressed on the effects of pollution of Islands on coral reefs, which can impede coral growth, disrupt overall ecological function, and cause disease and mortality in sensitive species, including fish. She further emphasised on celebrating each day as Environment Day for building safe and secure environment for the future. Shri Paul David highlighted the need for planting more trees and making the Islands clean and green. Dr. Santosh Kumar, Sr. Scientist cum Head, KVK Car Nicobar elaborated on the theme of World Environment Day 2024.

On this occasion, a massive plantation drive was carried out in the presence of DC, Nicobar, officials of Forest Division, BDO, Car Nicobar, MNREGA staff, villagers, etc. As many as 500 saplings including padauk, guava, lemon, jamun, tamarind, and bael, along with passion fruit and papaya, were planted on both sides of the road (arboriculture) and also distributed to the farmers for their backyards. The programme ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Shri Erularajan, Forest Ranger, Nicobar Division. The programme was organised under the guidance of Dr. E.B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair, a press release from CIARI said.