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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2025 - REPORT

Name of Program	WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2025		
Name of the Forum	Board for Community Development through Education, Govt of ANDHRA PRADESH		
Title of the Seminar:	Beat The Plastic Pollution		
Under the aegis of	IEI APSC, Indian Railways		
Program Date:	05 - 06 - 2025	Program Time:	06:00PM
Associate organization (if any):	IEI APSC		
No. of Participants logged in	156 + 437		

REPORT

World Environment Day, observed every year on June 5th, is the largest global platform for environmental public outreach. The 2025 theme, **"Beat Plastic Pollution,"** underscores the urgent need to shift toward a circular economy and reduce our reliance on single-use plastics.

To honor this vital cause, **The Institution of Engineers (India), Andhra Pradesh State Centre (IEI-APSC)**, in association with the **Board for Community Development Through Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh**, organized an awareness-driven event to promote community-led and technology-enabled solutions for environmental protection.



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Welcome Address

Prof. (Dr.) P. Udaya Bhaskar welcomed all dignitaries, guests, members, and attendees. He emphasized the significance of addressing plastic pollution, highlighting engineers' responsibilities in adopting and promoting eco-conscious technologies.

Declaration of Theme & Opening Remarks

Dr. C. V. Sriram, FIE, in his presidential remarks, officially declared the event theme "Beat Plastic Pollution". He stressed the urgent need for sustainable alternatives to single-use plastics and advocated for environmentally responsible engineering practices.

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Introduction of Chief Guest

Prof. (Dr.) A. V. Naresh Babu introduced the Chief Guest, **Er. Narendra A. Patil**, praising his leadership implementing sustainable and green initiatives across South Central Railway, including efforts to eliminate single-use plastics from railway premises.

Guest of Honour:

Prof. (Dr.) C. V. Sriram, FIE

Immediate Past Chairman, The Institution of Engineers (India), Andhra Pradesh State Centre (IEI-APSC)

An eminent figure in engineering education and environmental advocacy, Dr. C. V. Sriram offered valuable insights into the challenges and responsibilities engineers face in addressing plastic pollution. He emphasized the importance of engineering ethics, research, and youth involvement in tackling environmental degradation. He called upon students and professionals to incorporate sustainable materials and waste-conscious designs into their work.

Chief Guest's Speech Highlights – Er. Narendra A. Patil:



In a thought-provoking and visionary keynote address, **Er. Narendra A. Patil**, DRM of South Central Railway, Vijayawada, focused on:

- **Sustainable Railways:**

He highlighted Indian Railways' journey toward becoming a net-zero carbon emitter by 2030 and emphasized innovative efforts to reduce plastic usage in stations and trains.

- **Plastic-Free Campaigns:**

Mr. Narendra A. Patil showcased initiatives such as:

- Elimination of single-use plastic at railway stations.
- Installation of plastic bottle crushers.
- Awareness programs for passengers and vendors.
- Adoption of reusable materials across operations.
- **Call to Action:**
He encouraged engineers, youth, and the community to champion sustainable alternatives and said:

"Let's not just discuss the problem; let us engineer the solution. Each step we take today helps build a cleaner world tomorrow."

Special Highlight: Plantation Drive

As a symbol of commitment to environmental action, a **tree plantation activity** was also conducted as part of the event. Dignitaries, members, and student volunteers planted saplings within the IEI-APSC campus. This act reflected the spirit of the day—not just to discuss environmental protection, but to actively contribute to it. The trees planted will serve as a lasting legacy of the program's impact.

Presentation of Certificate of Excellence:

A Certificate of Excellence was presented to **Er. Narendra A. Patil** in recognition of his valuable contributions toward sustainable development and his commitment to environmental stewardship through the Indian Railways.



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Vote of Thanks

Prof. (Dr.) A. V. Naresh Babu delivered the vote of thanks, expressing deep gratitude to the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, all dignitaries, participants, and organizing members. He urged everyone to take the message of the day beyond the hall and into their lives and professions.