

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

### Learn to Live without Plastics

The JSS ICAR Krishi Vignan Kendra, Suttur, had organized a programme to observe the 'World Environment Day 2018' on 5 June, 2018. The Senior Scientist and head Dr. Arun Balamatti, in his introductory speech, observed that in this modern era usage of plastic has increased leading to environmental disasters. He called on the farmers to start with onself the deliberate practice of reducing use of plastics in our everyday life.

"Instead of producing thermal or nuclear energy, the govt. should make more efforts to generate solar energy. It also helps to reduce the pressure on the environment," he added.

Sri Tripurantaka G. L., Coordinator, JSS Institutions, Suttur speaking in the programme as the chief guest, "Today plastic usage has become an integral part of our lives. Plastic takes 100 years to decompose. Hence, it is necessary for us to reduce plastic usage as much as possible and protect the environment and the earth," he observed.

"The soil fertility in many agricultural fields has reduced drastically due to plastic mulch," said progressive farmer Sri Madappa. He also urged the farmers to get rid of plastic and the govt. to take suitable action to discourage use of plastic.

Another farmer Sri Abdul Ghani Khan expressed his concern about the severing of avenue trees. "If no action is taken to replace the filled in the name of road widening trees, it will not be possible for us to leave behind a good environment for the next generation," he said.

The students of JSS School spoke about the benefits of using less or no plastic. Earlier the programme commenced by watering of a sapling by the guests.

A demonstration on making compost by shredding agri waste using a tractor powered shredder was organized.

Over 75 farmers participated in the event. Who also took part in planting mango saplings in the KVK campus.

