World Environment Day was celebrated by the Centres of the Institution all over the country on 5 June, 2020. Brief accounts of the celebration as received from various Centres are reported hereunder.

**STATE CENTRES**

**Gujarat**

Gujarat State Centre of the Institution in association with Department of Civil Engineering, Indus University, Ahmedabad celebrated World Environment Day through online platform on 10 June 2020. Distinguished speakers during the function: Dr S P Aggarwal, Scientist/Engineer- SG & Head, Water Resources Department, Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Dehradun, Dr S K Singh, Professor & Dean, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Delhi Technological University, Delhi, Mr Roland Knitschky, Cooperation Expert, DWA, Germany, Mr M K Jadav, Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Gujarat, Mr M P Raval, Special Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Gujarat, Mr H U Kalyani, Chief Engineer (NG) & Additional Secretary, Government of Gujarat enlighten the audience with their valuable presentations on the theme. Earlier, Prof. Dr-Ing Anupam Kumar Singh, Director – ITE, Indus University welcomed the audience. Mr Shyam Varghese, Honorary Secretary, Gujarat State Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

**Kerala**

The Institution of Engineers (India), Kerala State Centre in association with IEEE Kerala Section celebrated World Environment Day on 3 June 2020 through a Webinar. Speaker during the session, Dr (Ms) Sultana Bashir, Conservative Climate Change and Sustainability Professional & Former Regional Technical Advisor for Biodiversity in her address mentioned that the pandemic has given us a new opportunity for changing the way we look at life on earth and more on the environment and it call for a new world order which should be less harming to the environment. She emphasized on addressing seriously the environment verses development, short term verses long term goals for sustainability and delinking the economic activities from environmental degradation.

**Meghalaya**

Meghalaya State Centre of The Institution celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June, 2020. Mr J B Poon, Former Chairman, Meghalaya State Centre, the speaker during the function, mentioned that the pandemic has demonstrated the power of nature to heal itself and mentioned that during lockdown, nature restores itself through reduced vehicular and industrial pollution, which results cleaner air and the size of the hole in the ozone layer is reduced due to the positive impact of the lockdown on the planet. Earlier, Mr M Marbaniang, Chairman, Meghalaya State Centre and Council Member, IEI welcomed all. Mr R Kharwanlangu, Honorary Secretary, Meghalaya State Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

**Punjab & Chandigarh**

Punjab & Chandigarh State Centre of the Institution celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June, 2020 through online platform. Mr P S Bhogal, Council Member, IEI in his address discussed that biodiversity is comprised of several levels, starting with genes, individual species, communities of creatures and finally entire ecosystems, such as forests or coral.
the day. Dr Bhargava in his address highlighted few technological solutions
universities across the country. Prof (Dr) Devendra Swaroop Bhargava,
academicians, faculty members and research scholars of various
was organized in this occasion, which was well attended by eminent
celebrated the World Environment Day on 05 June 2020. A Webinar
with Babu Banarasi Das Northern India Institute of Technology, Lucknow
The Institution of Engineers (India) Uttar Pradesh State Centre in association
Uttar Pradesh
Centre proposed the vote of thanks.
Moderator and Panelists. Mr T Anjaiah, Honorary Secretary, Telangana State
moderator during the session. Earlier, Dr G Rameshwar Rao, Chairman,
& Head, Learning and Development, Ramky Group, Hyderabad was the
Puduchery State Centre and Council Member, IEI. Dr P G Sastry, Director
Advisor, Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS), Dr K V Jaya
State Forest Development Corporation, Smt C S Ramalakshmi, IFS(Retd),
other Panelists were Dr M Velan, Chairman, EnDB, IEI, Dr R Hampaih, Chairman, Andhra Pradesh Biodiversity Board, Mr P Raghuveer, IFS, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Telangana State Forest Development Corporation, Smt C S Ramalakshmi, IFS(Retd), Advisor, Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS), Dr K V Jaya Kumar, Professor (HAG), Department of Civil Engineering, National Institute of Technology, Warangal and Prof (Dr) Raman Saravanane, Chairman, Puducherry State Centre and Council Member, IEI. Dr P G Sastry, Director & Head, Learning and Development, Ramky Group, Hyderabad was the moderator during the session. Earlier, Dr G Rameshwar Rao, Chairman, Telangana State Centre and Council Member, IEI welcomed the audience. Dr Chintham Venkaiyah, Chairman, Warangal Local Centre, IEI introduced the Moderator and Panelists. Mr T Anjiaiah, Honorary Secretary, Telangana State Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

Rajasthan
The Institution of Engineers (India), Rajasthan State Centre organised
World Environment Day  on 5 June 2020 through online platform. The
guest speaker of the Day, Prof Anil K Mathur in his address enlightened the
audience about biodiversity and its significance. Prof Sudhir Kumar, Eminent
Environmentalist spoke about the natural demand and supply rule and underlined the huge potential
of nature to create reforms. He further opined that the natural resource consumption be optimized by coining the term sustainable development. Earlier, Mr Sajjan Singh Yadav, Chairman, Rajasthan State Centre and Council Member, IEI delivered his welcome address.

Telangana
Telangana State Centre of the Institution celebrated World Environment Day in association with Warangal Local Centre on 5 June, 2020. A Panel Discussion was organized in this occasion through Webinar on the theme ‘Biodiversity’. Er Narendra Singh, President, IEI, the Chief Guest during the function insisted to protect nature and emphasized that COVID-19 is wrath of the nature on human race due to the negligence in nurturing and protecting environment. Other Panelists were Dr M Velan, Chairman, EnDB, IEI, Dr R Hampaih, Chairman, Andhra Pradesh Biodiversity Board, Mr P Raghuveer, IFS, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Telangana State Forest Development Corporation, Smt C S Ramalakshmi, IFS(Retd), Advisor, Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS), Dr K V Jaya Kumar, Professor (HAG), Department of Civil Engineering, National Institute of Technology, Warangal and Prof (Dr) Raman Saravanane, Chairman, Puducherry State Centre and Council Member, IEI. Dr P G Sastry, Director & Head, Learning and Development, Ramky Group, Hyderabad was the moderator during the session. Earlier, Dr G Rameshwar Rao, Chairman, Telangana State Centre and Council Member, IEI welcomed the audience. Dr Chintham Venkaiyah, Chairman, Warangal Local Centre, IEI introduced the Moderator and Panelists. Mr T Anjiaiah, Honorary Secretary, Telangana State Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

Uttar Pradesh
The Institution of Engineers (India) Uttar Pradesh State Centre in association
with Babu Banarasi Das Northern India Institute of Technology, Lucknow
celebrated the World Environment Day on 05 June 2020. A Webinar
was organized in this occasion, which was well attended by eminent academicians, faculty members and research scholars of various universities across the country. Prof (Dr) Devendra Swaroop Bhargava, (Retd), the noteworthy Environmental Engineer was the guest speaker of the day. Dr Bhargava in his address highlighted few technological solutions
which can be implemented as a novel technique to promote water quality of Ganga River and also explained the use of chlorinated water as a preventive solution to resist COVID 19 virus on surfaces, floor and recommended drinking of chlorinated water, which can be beneficial in fighting with the virus. Mr V B Singh, Council Member, IEI also addressed the audience in this occasion. Earlier, Mr. Rajesh Kumar Trivedi, Chairman, Uttar Pradesh State Centre and Council Member, IEI, delivered the welcome address. Mr P K Chaurasia, Honorary Secretary, Uttar Pradesh State Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

West Bengal
The Institution of Engineers (India), West Bengal State Centre observed
World Environment Day on 5 June 2020 and organised a Panel Discussion through Webinar to mark the occasion. Eminent Panellists enlightened the audience through their thought provoking speech, namely Dr Akhil C Banerjee, Emeritus Professor, National Institution of Immunology, New Delhi, Mr Asish Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, Alipur Zoological Garden, Kolkata, and Mr Saurabh Chaudhuri, IFS, CCF, South West Circle, West Bengal Forest Development Corporation. Dr Akhil C Banerjee, Emeritus Professor, National Institution of Immunology, New Delhi emphasized towards the hosts of different pandemic viruses, including COVID-19 and pointed out on co-existence of them with other living species including human being within biodiversity. He also stressed on importance of therapeutic options on virus borne pandemic till the availability of vaccine. Mr Asish Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, Alipur Zoo, Kolkata and Mr Saurabh Chaudhuri, IFS, CCF, South West Circle, West Bengal Forest Directorate also discussed on the theme in detail. Mr Avinash Singh, Chairman, Environment Engineering Division, West Bengal state Centre explained the significance of the day and theme. Dr Atanu Raha, Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal, the Moderator during the Panel Discussion, emphasized upon the pandemic situation, natural calamity and locust invasion in India and their cumulative impact on Biodiversity. Earlier, Mr Sandip Kumar Deb, Chairman, West Bengal State Centre and Council Member, IEI welcomed the audience. Mr Kalipada Das, Honorary Secretary, West Bengal State Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

LOCAL CENTRES

Agra
The Institution of Engineers (India), Agra Local Centre celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June 2020 by organising a Webinar. Keynote speaker of the Day, Mr Dinkar Saxena, noted Expert in Air Emission Control, Waste Water Treatment etc delivered Lecture on the theme. Earlier, Dr Ashok Yadav, Chairman, Agra Local Centre welcomed the audience. Mr Devendra Singh Chaudhary, Honorary Secretary, Agra Local Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

Aligarh
Aligarh Local Centre, IEI celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June 2020 by organising a Webinar. Speaker during the occasion, Dr Hismi Jamil Husain, Head, Biodiversity Division, Tata Steel Limited, Jamshedpur
delivered Lecture on the topic ‘Solutions are in Nature’ and covered different aspects of our lives, where nature plays a major role. The speaker further focused on adopting natural ways and means to lead the life and stressed on protecting water bodies from pollution. Earlier, Prof (Dr) Nadeem Khalil, Honorary Secretary, Aligarh Local Centre delivered the welcome address.

Mr Suresh Chandra Gupta, Chairman, Aligarh Local Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

Bakaro Steel City

The Institution of Engineers (India), Bakaro Steel City Local Centre observed World Environment Day on 5 June 2020. The Chief Guest, Mr N P Srivastava, General Manager (ECD) and Head of Environment Department, SAIL, Bakaro Steel Plant inaugurated the function and spoke about extreme relevancy of the theme during offing corona virus pandemic throughout the world and explained in detail the pros and cons including food chain cycle linkage of COVID-19. He strongly advocated for pro-nature human activities including adherence to food chain philosophy. Mr Nitesh Ranjan, Senior Manager (ECD), and Mr C P Sahay, Ex-DGM (Traffic), SAIL, Bakaro Steel Plant also delivered their lectures. Earlier, Mr Yogendra Nath Singh, Chairman, Bakaro Steel City Local Centre welcomed all present in the function and spoke about importance of the day and mentioned that human being is the part of ecosystem and cannot survive in isolation. Mr Deo Prasad Jha, Honorary Secretary, Bakaro Steel City Local Centre proposed vote of thanks.

Alwar

Alwar Local Centre of the Institution organized World Environment Day on 5 June 2020 through online cloud meet. The Chief Guest during the function, Dr M P S Chandrawal, Environment Expert and Speaker, of the day focussed on conservation of natural habitat, humans, flora present in the universe. Earlier, Mr Subhash Chandra Joshi, Chairman, Alwar Local Centre welcomed the members and audience. Mr Raj Deep Sharma, Honorary Secretary, Alwar Local Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

Bareilly

The Institution of Engineers (India), Bareilly Local Centre celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June 2020 through online platform. Mr R N Bhargava, CMD, Ecomen Laboratories Pvt. Ltd & Secretary General, Club Workshop Laboratories Pvt. Ltd & Secretary General, Club Workshop Laboratories Pvt. Ltd & Secretary General, Club Workshop Laboratories Pvt. Ltd & Secretary General, Club Workshop Laboratories Pvt. Ltd & Secretary General, Club Workshop Laboratories Pvt. Ltd & Secretary General, Club Workshop Laboratories Pvt. Ltd & Secretary General, Club Workshop Laboratories Pvt. Ltd & Secretary General, Club Workshop Laboratories Pvt. Ltd & Secretary General, Club Workshop Laboratories Pvt. Ltd & Secretary General, Club Workshop Laboratories Pvt. Ltd & Secretary General, Club Workshop Laboratories Pvt. Ltd & Secretary General, Club Workshop Laboratories Pvt. Ltd & Secretary. The Chief Guest & Keynote Speaker during the function. During deliberation, he mentioned that Biodiversity is the variation of Earth’s terrestrial, freshwater and marine species as well as their habitats and it is vital to the survival of all life on earth and is also the cornerstone for the goods & services of the environment that allow human societies to thrive. Biodiversity provides us with food, water and resources as well as services such as climate control, pollination, flood mitigation and cycling of nutrients. Mr K B Agrawal also delivered lecture on biodiversity. Earlier, Mr Sudhir Kumar Gupta, Chairman, Bareilly Local Centre welcomed all present on the Day. Mr Saheb Singh, Honorary Secretary, Bareilly Local Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

Brahmapur

The World Environment Day was celebrated by The Institution of Engineers (India), Brahmapur Local Centre on 5 June 2020 through organising a Webinar. Chief Guest of the Day, Dr Rajat Kumar Panigrahi, Principal, Government Industrial Training Institute, Brahmapur in his speech outlined how waste is becoming wealth in our day to day life. Mr Anand Subudhi, Former Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Water Resources, Odisha and Mr Ashutosh Patra, Former Joint Director, Agriculture, Government of Odisha and Immediate Past Chairman, Brahmapur Local Centre also graced the occasion as speakers and expressed their views to the audience. Earlier, Dr Arun Kumar Padhi, Chairman, Brahmapur Local Centre delivered welcome address to the august gathering. Mr Surendra Kumar Panigrahi, Honorary Secretary, Brahmapur Local Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

Dhanbad

Dhanbad Local Centre of The Institution observed World Environment Day in association with CSIR-CIMFR, Dhanbad on 5 June 2020. Dr Bably Prasad, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR-CIMFR, Dhanbad delivered Lecture on “Effect of Water Pollution on Aquatic Biodiversity and its Remedial Measures”. Earlier, Dr Pradeep Kumar Singh, Chairman, Dhanbad Local Centre welcomed all present in the function. Mr H N Karmakar, Mr B N P Singh, , Dr M K Singh, Past Chairmen and Mr R Prasad , Mr Amar Nath, Past Honorary Secretaries of the Centre also attended the meeting. Dr Satyendra Kumar Singh, Honorary Secretary, Dhanbad Local Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

Durgapur

The Institution of Engineers (India), Durgapur Local Centre observed World Environment Day on 5 June 2020 through virtual platform. Mr Debabrata Dutta, Associated with Sister Nivedita Educational Trust, Ramakrishna Mission, Narendrapur & Former Programme Manager, Financial Software & System (P) Ltd, the speaker during the function while deliberating on the theme of the day explained the significant aspects of Ecosystem, Technology, Urbanization, Prosperity and Green Economy for sustainable growth. Deliberating on pandemic situation and human civilization, the speaker mentioned effects of deforestation, encroachment on wildlife habitats, intensified agriculture and acceleration of climate change, that leads to upset the delicate balance of nature. Earlier, Prof. (Dr) Kartik Chandra Ghanta, Chairman, Durgapur Local Centre and Council Member, IEI welcomed the speaker and the audience. Mr M K Biswal, Honorary Secretary, Durgapur Local Centre proposed the vote of thanks.
Faridabad

Faridabad Local Centre, IEI celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June 2020 through digital media. Distinguished speakers presented papers on the theme of the day. Mr I S Chauhan, Architectural & Structural Consultant explained how biodiversity boosts ecosystem productivity and mentioned that a healthy biodiversity provides a number of natural services for everyone. Mr I S Oberoi, Building Rehabilitation Consultant explained that sustainable building design reduces the negative impact on the environment, which results improvement in human health during building’s life cycle. Mr Ankur Mittal, Manager, National Council for Cement and Building Materials, Faridabad and Dr Pradeep Kumar Dimri, Associate Professor, J C Bose University of Science & Technology, YMCA, Faridabad also deliberated on “Biodiversity”. Dr Sudeshma Chakraborty stated that the well-being of humanity, the environment and the functioning of the economy ultimately depend upon the responsible management of the planet’s natural resources. Mr Sameer Kumar presented a lecture on the theme and explained how digital technologies are affecting Biodiversity. Earlier, Mr Sndeep Handa, Chairman, Faridabad Local Centre delivered welcome address and briefly introduced the theme. Mr Kuldip Raj Gupta, Honorary Secretary, Faridabad Local Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

Jabalpur

Jabalpur Local Centre of the Institution celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June, 2020 through organizing a Webinar. Mr Ajay Vishnoi, Member, Madhya Pradesh State Legislative Assembly and Former Minister, Government of Madhya Pradesh graced the function as Chief Guest and Mr V Kiran Gopal, IAS, Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh Poorv Kshetra Vidyu Tritan Company Limited, Jabalpur, the Guest of Honour. Dr R K Shrivastava, Head, Department of Environmental Science, Government Science College, Jabalpur deliberated the keynote address. Mr Vijay Solanki, Rashtriya Paryavaran Suraksha Samiti and Mr Parag Mat, Entrepreneur also delivered Guest Lectures during the function. Mr Rakesh Kumar Rathore, Council Member, IEI was also present in the occasion. Earlier, Mr Tarun Kumar Anand, Chairman and Mr Prakash Chandra Dubey, Honorary Secretary, Jabalpur Local Centre welcomed the honourable guests, speakers and participants.

Gorakhpur

World Environment Day was celebrated by The Institution of Engineers (India), Gorakhpur Local Centre on 5 June, 2020 through Webinar. Speaker during the session, Prof (Dr) Govind Pandey, Dean, Civil Engineering Department, Madan Mohan Malaviya University of Technology, Gorakhpur in his address mentioned about balancing between development and environment and focused on more plantation of trees. Speaker during the session, Dr Siraz Wajih, President, Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group stressed on sustainable bio-diversity. Earlier, Mr Dhirendra Chaturvedi, Chairman, Gorakhpur Local Centre welcomed the audience. Mr Ved Prakash Gupta, Honorary Secretary, Gorakhpur Local Centre proposed vote of thanks.

Gwalior

Gwalior Local Centre, IEI celebrated the World Environment Day on 6 June 2020. Speaker during the function, Mr U S Pandey, Retired Superintending Engineer, while elaborated about environment, mentioned about hydrosphere, lithosphere & biosphere, micro and macro environment, physical and biotic environment. Mr R K Khetan, Visiting Professor, Vikrant Institute of Technology and Management mentioned that COVID-19 proved that, if biodiversity destroyed, then the system supporting human life will also be destroyed. Earlier, Mr Prabhat Kumar Bhargava, Chairman, Gwalior Local Centre delivered the welcome address. Mr P Y Khamwilkar, Honorary Secretary, Gwalior Local Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

Kalpakkm

Kalpakkm Local Centre of The Institution observed World Environment Day on 4 June 2020. Dr Arulanandakumar, Environmental Scientist, IGCAR delivered Lecture on ‘Biodiversity’, during the occasion. Mr M Shanmuga Sundaram, Honorary Secretary, Kalpakkm Local Centre welcomed the gathering.

Kochi

The Institution of Engineers (India), Kochi Local Centre celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June, 2020 through organizing a Webinar. Keynote speaker, Prof (Dr) G Madhu, Past Chairman of the Centre & Head of Fire & Safety, CUSAT while delivered Lecture on the topic ‘Biodiversity’ : Post-Covid Period’, mentioned that human survival depends on large number of organisms and every organism or species has its unique role and importance. The speaker explained that each species forms a special part of the complex natural web and has a definite role to play and thus, each species present in an ecosystem is important in its own right. He mentioned that since many of the species are under serious threats of extinction, it is a matter of prime concern that biodiversity should be conserved. Mr T P Ravendran, Chairman, Kochi Local Centre and Council Member, IEI, Mr V Vijayachandran Nair, Council Member, IEI and Mr M P Eldhose, Honorary Secretary, Kochi Local Centre were also present during the occasion.

Kota

The Institution of Engineers (India), Kota Local Centre celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June, 2020 through Webinar. Chief Guest, Mr J P Sharma, Former Additional Principal, Chief Conservator of Forest, Bhopal delivered Lecture on the theme ‘Biodiversity’. Guest of Honour, Mr Rahul
Kozhikode

World Environment Day was celebrated by The Institution of Engineers (India), Kozhikode Local Centre on 7 June, 2020 through online platform. Dr P Gireesan, Superintending Engineer, Kerala Water Authority, Kottayam delivered Lecture on the theme and stressed on the need to conserve natural resources as well as flora and fauna by all human beings for a balanced co-existence. Earlier, Mr C Jayaram, Honorary Secretary, Kozhikode Local Centre welcomed the guests and Mr K Bhaskaran, Chairman, Kozhikode Local Centre presided over the function.

Meerut

Meerut Local Centre of the Institution organized World Environment Day on 5 June 2020 through Webinar. Speaker of the day, Dr Sandeep Sirohi, Assistant Professor, Biotechnology Department, Meerut Institute of Engineering and Technology, defined Biodiversity as richness in variety and variability of species of all living organisms in a given habitat. He explained three hierarchical levels of Biodiversity i.e., genetic, species & community and ecosystem diversity and mentioned that flora and fauna of diversity depends upon climate, altitude, soil and presence of other species. He also explained the bio-geographical classification of India and Biodiversity Hotspot and mentioned that habitat loss, pollution and over exploitation of selected species are the threats to diversity and rapid industrialization, urbanization, food demand and deforestation are the causes for habitat loss. Earlier, Mr Rajneesh Kumar, Chairman, Meerut Local Centre welcomed all participants and highlighted the importance of the day.

Munirabad

The Institution of Engineers (India), Munirabad Local Centre observed World Environment Day on 5 June, 2020. Chief Guest, Dr Gurumahantesh, Panchakarma Specialist explained on the theme of the day. Earlier, Mr W Lalitha Prasad, Honorary Secretary, Munirabad Local Centre welcomed the gathering. Mr Prahalada E, Chairman, Munirabad Local Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

Ranipet

Ranipet Local Centre of The Institution celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June 2020. Speaker, Dr Dillip Kumar Barik, Associate Professor, Department of Environment Engineering & Water Resources, School of Civil Engineering, VIT University, Vellore delivered Lecture on ‘Biodiversity’. The Speaker felt that Biodiversity should be protected to sustain food chain, nutritional needs, to obtain cleaner air, better cultivation of crops and explained the significance of Bioinformatics to conserve Biodiversity.

Roorkee

The Institution of Engineers (India), Roorkee Local Centre celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June, 2020 through organizing a Webinar. Keynote Speaker during the function, Mr Man Mohan Singh, Ex-Chief Engineer, Government of Punjab & Chandigarh & Past District Governor, Rotary International district 3080 stressed on reduction of plastic usage, plantation of more trees and better solid waste management. Er Narendra Singh, President, IEI graced the occasion with his august presence. Earlier, Prof (Dr) Achal Kumar Mittal, Chairman, Roorkee Local Centre welcomed the guests. Dr Mohd Ashraf Iqbal, Honorary Secretary, Roorkee Local Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

South Gujarat

The Institution of Engineers (India), South Gujarat Local Centre, in association with Civil Engineering Department, Dr S & S S Gandhy Government Engineering College, Surat celebrated World Environment Day on 11 June, 2020 by organizing Webinar on the topic 'Environment and Social Impart of Covid-19 : Lesson to be Learnt'. Dr Bhaven Tandel, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering Department, SVNIT, Surat delivered Lecture on the topic. Mr Kirti Hiralal Shethna, Chairman, South Gujarat Local Centre and Council Member, IEI and Mr Dipak Gomanbhai Patel, Honorary Secretary, South Gujarat Local Centre also shared their views and welcomed to the participants.

Tiruchirappalli

Tiruchirappalli Local Centre and Tamil Nadu State Centre of the Institution jointly organized World Environment Day on 9 June 2020 through video conferencing. Speaker during the session, Dr P Shanmugam, Senior Principal Scientist, Head & Professor, AcSIR, Environmental Science Laboratory, CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute, Adyar, Chennai delivered Lecture on the topic ‘Biodiversity - A concern that is both Urgent and Existential’. Dr G Swaminathan, Professor (HAG) and Head, Department of Civil Engineering, NIT Tiruchirappalli was present during the occasion and addressed the audience. Prof (Dr) N Kumaresan, Chairman, Tiruchirappalli Local Centre & Council Member, IEI welcomed the audience. Dr N Sivakumar, Honorary Joint Secretary, Tiruchirappalli Local Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

Trichur

The Institution of Engineers (India), Trichur Local Centre observed World Environment Day on 5 June 2020 by organizing a Webinar. The Chief Guest, Dr V M Abdul Hakim, Professor, Department of Agricultural Engineering, College of Agriculture, Kasaragode, Kerala delivered Lecture on the theme. Earlier, Mr V G Sankaranarayanan, Chairman, Trichur Local Centre
The Institution of Engineers (India) Udaipur Local Centre organised World Environment Day on 5 June, 2020 through online platform. Mr Anurodh Prashant, Mr Ravindra Bhatnagar, Dr Dharm Singh, Mr A S Choondawat, Mr Piyush Javeria, Mr B L Jain, Dr Y C Bhatt, Mr Nirmal Kumar Vyas, Mr L T Lokhandwala, Mr Hitanshu Kaushal and Mr R P Gupta expressed their views on World Environment Day. Earlier, Mr Yawanti Kumar Bolia, Chairman, Udaipur Local Centre welcomed all participants and briefed on the theme ‘Biodiversity’. Mr Chandra Prakash Jain, Honorary Secretary, Udaipur Local Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

Udaipur

Visakhapatnam

The Institution of Engineers (India), Upper Assam Local Centre organized World Environment Day on 5 June 2020 through organizing a Webinar. Speakers during the function, Mr Shyamanta Kumar Sarmah, Deputy Manager, Assam Petrochemicals Limited delivered Lecture on the topic ‘Biodiversity and Threats to it. Mr Devanga Gaurav Borah, Assistant Manager (Production), Assam Petrochemicals Limited delivered lecture on the theme ‘Biodiversity 2020 - the year so for the Environment’. Earlier, Mr Amitava Dasgupta, Immediate Past Chairman, Upper Assam Local Centre welcomed all present in the meeting and delivered Lecture on the topic ‘Act Now for Better Tomorrow’. Mr Diganta Goswami, Honorary Secretary, Upper Assam Local Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

Upper Assam

Visakhapatnam Local Centre of the Institution celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June, 2020 through online platform. Speaker, Mr Y V N Chandrakhar, Scientist E, Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), DRDO, Visakhapatnam delivered Lecture on ‘Biodiversity’ and highlighted its impact on nature and human life. Dr B Venkataramana, Chairman, Visakhapatnam Local Centre and Council Member, IEI, presided over the session and briefed about the theme. Prof (Dr) K Venkatasubbaiah, Vice President, IEI and Dr (Ms) G Padmavathi, Council Member, IEI, graced the occasion with their august presence. Earlier, Mr K Venkata Rama Mohana Rao, Honorary Secretary, Visakhapatnam Local Centre welcomed the gathering.