

A Report on Ozone Day activities done by SACON-ENVIS Centre, Coimbatore

Every year 16th September is observed as "International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer" and popularly known as the "World Ozone Day". The year 2017 marks the 30th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol and the theme for the year was "Caring for all life under the sun". The MoEF&CC requested the ENVIS centres across the country to conduct awareness programmes as a run-up to the World Ozone day programme. The SACON ENVIS team also executed several activities independently and collaboratively with different organisations and institutions to reach out to the school children as well as the layman.

Dr. Goldin Quadros, Coordinator of SACON ENVIS Centre gave a talk on "Importance of Mangrove Ecosystem in the protection of Ozone Layer" at Nirmala College, Coimbatore. The students were informed of the choices that they could make in protection of the environment including the Ozone layer. Concurrently, an interactive programme was held by the SACON ENVIS team at the Government Higher Secondary School, Pethappampatti, Udumalpet. The topics discussed included the Ozone layer depletion – causes, effects and search for solutions to preserve it. A video film on Ozone Layer Protection was screened and awareness materials in the form of posters created by the United Nations (UN) were also distributed.

SACON ENVIS collaborated with the Decathlon Sports Shop at Coimbatore where the management periodically screened the Ozone awareness videos created by the UN throughout the day on 16th September. The Oberoi Flight Services, Chennai also collaborated to create awareness among its employees and screened the Ozone awareness videos as well as distributed the awareness materials.



Dr. Goldin Quadros delivering a talk at Nirmala College, Coimbatore



Govt. Higher Secondary School, Udumalpet school students holding the Ozone day posters



Ozone Day Celebration at Oberoi Flight Services, Chennai