

## **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2007 CELEBRATIONS**

### **Essar Oil Limited Report**

World Environment Day 2007 was celebrated with a number of events targeting different masses (school children of surrounding villages and children of Essar employees, Essar employees, Contractor workforce, Ladies members of ESSAR employees).

The event started with an activity for school children. A set of drawing kit including a pencil, a sharpener, an eraser, a color box and a drawing sheet was distributed among the participant out of which only drawing sheet after the drawing and coloring of the poster was taken back for assessment. More than 275 kids from all four villages participated in the event. All the entries were segregated standard wise and assessed for selection first, second and third winner in each class / standard. All the winners were invited to receive winner's prizes at central function organized on 5 June.

Similarly poster competition for the kids of employees of Essar Vadinar site was conducted at Jamnagar City and Township separately on 1 June. The response was overwhelming. More than 120 kids participated in the poster competition in spite of vacation period.

Officials from Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Regional Office Jamnagar, addressed the participants. Specially designed T-Shirt with official theme and logo of World Environment Day 2007 were distributed among the all the participants including the kids who participated in the poster competition organized in surrounding villages. All the participants from the Jamnagar city resident and Nand Niketan Township resident were grouped standard wise / class wise and winners (first, second and third) were selected for respective class / standard.

On 1 June a quiz competition on the environmental issues was conducted for ladies members of the employees of Essar Vadinar site in Jamnagar city as well as Nand Niketan Township. Officials from Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Regional Office Jamnagar, addressed the ladies to make them understand their role and capacity to contribute toward environment protection / conservation. Each lady member took oath on this occasion to contribute individually towards environment protection / conservation. The response was excellent. Total participation was to the tune of more than 110 ladies members in spite of vacation period. Winners were selected for the quiz competition.

An environmental quiz for all the employees of Essar Vadinar site was conducted online through the desktop computers was conducted to minimize the paper consumption and thus to contribute toward the cause of environment protection. Similar quiz was organized for contractor workforce in paper format as they do not have access to computers.

A crossword competition on the environmental issues including the theme of the year was conducted both for all employees of Essar Vadinar site and contractor work force was conducted to impart environmental awareness. First, second and third winners were selected among the correct entries.

A competition for suggestion about the measures to reduce pollution (emission, discharges, waste generation hazardous or non hazardous, adopting cleaner practices etc) was conducted for all employees as well as contractor work force was conducted and winners were selected among the valid entries.

Slogan competition in all the three languages: English, Hindi and Gujarati for all employees as well as contractor work force was conducted. The subject of slogan was selected as the theme of the year “**Melting Ice – a Hot Topic?**” Participation in all groups was very encouraging. First, second and third winner in respective group were selected from the participating entries.

A gala central function was conducted on 5 June between 1100hrs to 1300hrs at the refinery site to mark the day. The guests of the function were official from Marine National Park Authority, Forest Department, Government of Gujarat as well as officials from Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Jamnagar, Gujarat. All the esteemed guests of the function as well as senior officials of Essar Vadinar Refinery site delivered enlightening address. The function was attended by huge numbers of employees. As a part of function an instant environment quiz was conducted asking the question on the theme “**Melting Ice – a Hot Topic?**” and issue of global warming and climate change. Winners were selected who correctly answered the question asked. All the guests, senior officials of Essar Vadinar Refinery site, winners of various competitions including kids and ladies members and all the attendees of the function took an environmental pledge in English as well as Hindi. Prizes were distributed to all the winners of various competitions. All the participants took part in a tree planting ceremony. Officials from Marine National Park Authority, Forest Department, and Govt. of Gujarat specially appreciated efforts put toward the green belt development and afforestation at the Essar Vadinar Refinery site and announced that they would recommend the case of ESSAR VADINAR REFINERY SITE for 2007 Indira Gandhi Priya Darshini award for their efforts towards greening the REFINERY SITE.