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Develop green belts, units in NIA told

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For ecology: KSPCB Chairman A.S. Sadashivaiah (right) interacting with Weslynn Ashton of Yale University, the U.S. in Mysore on Thursday.

MYSORE: The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) chairman A.S. Sadashivaiah has called upon industries in the Nanjangud Industrial Area (NIA) to focus on developing green belts in and around their units in order to improve the green cover and enhance the natural beauty.

Speaking at the National Pollution Prevention Day organised by the board here on Thursday, Mr. Sadashivaiah said, “The performance of the units in the NIA in pollution control: air quality and river quality control has been largely satisfactory. Water quality of the Kabini river conforms to Class ‘C’ standards which is suitable for domestic water supply after preliminary treatment. Now, the industries should focus on adopting the best available manufacturing techniques and creating green belts.”

Major industries such as the TVS Motor Company, Nestle India, and Reid and Taylor are located in Nanjangud.

An awareness programme on “Industrial ecology and eco-industrial networking” in collaboration with the Centre for Industrial Ecology (CIE), Yale University, U.S., and the Resource Optimisation Initiative (ROI), Bangalore, was organised.

Weslynn Ashton from Yale University dwelt on industrial ecology and international best practices on application of industrial ecology in business, and Megha Shenoy of ROI spoke on

building eco-industrial networks in the NIA.

“As the Kabini flows in close proximity to the NIA, we have imposed a rule that all industries have to treat their effluents and reuse it; and the excess can be diverted for green belts and agriculture,” Mr. Sadashivaiah said.

Whenever problems had been noticed, the board had taken action to address the issues and take preventive measures, he said.

Also, penal action had been taken against erring units. “We have adopted the carrot and stick policy for effective enforcement,” he explained.

He also stressed on the importance of the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions.

Mr. Sadashivaiah said that solid wastes and hazardous wastes should be properly managed.

Guidelines

Industrial ecology took a systematic approach in understanding the sustainability of materials and energy and water flows within the system. It offered guidelines for improving efficiency and effectiveness of resource management, and ultimately addresses environmental concerns, he said.

Senior environmental officer S. Nanda Kumar and environmental officer B.M. Prakash were present.

The CIE and ROI did a study on industrial waste material recovery, reuse and recycle to examine whether the industrial symbiosis is taking place in achieving resource management efficiently in Nanjangud region.

The findings were shared on the occasion.

Funded

The project was funded in part by CIE and Tropical Resource Institute at Yale University, with the support of KSPCB.

Representatives from a wide spectrum of industries from NIA took part in the programme and interacted with the speakers.

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