

Banning plastic no solution for reducing pollution



Dr Atul Vaidya addressing the theme for the year at NEERI on Monday.

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Speakers at the World Environment Day celebration at CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) on Monday said banning and regulations are not the ultimate solution to reduce plastic pollution. 'Beat The Plastic Pollution' is the theme of this year's environment day.

Divisional commissioner Vijayalakshmi Bidari was to be the chief guest for the function but could not attend make it. Kamalkishor Futane, deputy commissioner, represented her and delivered the keynote address saying "Every year World Environment Day is celebrated to create awareness and take actions to conserve the environment. The 3R principle

of Reuse, Reduce, Recycle should be adopted by everyone effectively."

The guest of honour Rachna Gampa, senior manager Plastic Neutrality, Recykal-India spoke on Technology Accelerating Plastic Circularity.

Total 70 students from Shri Sai School of Nursing, Umrer, and VSPM Madhuribai Deshmukh Institute of Nursing Education, Nagpur, visited laboratories of CSIR-NEERI and interacted with scientists. Dr Atul Vaidya, director NEERI, said, "Banning and regulations are not the ultimate solution. CSIR-NEERI has been working on a road map for better plastic management."

Dr Rita Dhodapkar presented an overview on national economy and road map for reducing plastic waste in India.