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Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) Celebrates World Environment Day 2024 with Mega Tree Plantation Drive

Mumbai, June 05, 2024 – The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), India's premier container handling port, celebrated World Environment Day with great enthusiasm and a strong commitment to sustainability. The event, held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, featured a series of activities aimed at promoting environmental awareness and action. Shri Unmesh Sharad Wagh (IRS), Chairman of JNPA, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The day commenced with the arrival of the Chief Guest and other dignitaries, who were warmly welcomed by the Heads of Departments (HoDs) and officers. The highlight of the celebration was a Mega Tree Plantation Drive, organized in collaboration with Nhava Sheva Business Park Pvt Ltd (DP World). This initiative saw the planting of 3,700 trees at Green Belt No-GB 04 of the SEZ JNPA, with active participation from the Chairman, Trustees, HoDs, officers, and employees.

In his speech, the Chief General Manager (PP&D) highlighted the environmental efforts and the comprehensive Environmental Action Plan that JNPA has in place. This was followed by an "Environmental Pledge," where the gathering was addressed by the Chief Guest. The event also featured a thought-provoking street play on the theme "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience," aiming to raise awareness about critical environmental issues and the need for sustainable practices.

Shri Unmesh Sharad Wagh (IRS), Chairman of JNPA, emphasized the importance of collective action towards environmental conservation. He stated, "JNPA is deeply committed to sustainable practices that minimize our ecological footprint and foster responsible growth. Our green initiatives encompass a wide spectrum of activities, including the adoption of eco-friendly fuels, implementation of energy-efficient technologies, and promotion of renewable energy sources. By embracing sustainability as a guiding principle, we strive to create a greener, cleaner future for generations to come. The tree plantation drive today is a testament to our dedication to creating a greener and more sustainable future. JNPA is not just a port; it is a responsible and proactive entity striving to protect and enhance our natural surroundings."

JNPA is making significant strides towards a greener future. Their initiatives include the ambitious transition from diesel-powered trucks to zero-emission electric vehicles within the port premises over the next five years. Moreover, trucks and vehicles in the Vadhvan mega-port will be diesel-free from the start. This shift aims to drastically reduce air pollution and aligns with India's national sustainability goals. Additionally, JNPA actively incorporates



renewable energy sources for terminal operations and promotes extensive green cover, with nearly 34% of the port area dedicated to mangroves and other plant life.

The World Environment Day celebrations at JNPA were a significant step towards fostering a culture of environmental responsibility and action among its stakeholders. The event underscored the importance of preserving and restoring our natural environment for future generations.

About JNPA:

The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) is one of the premier container-handling ports in India. Since its inception on May 26, 1989, JNPA has transformed from a bulk cargo terminal to become the premier container port in the country.

Currently, JNPA operates five container terminals -- NSFT, NSICT, NSIGT, BMCT and APMT. The Port also has a Shallow Water Berth for general cargo. A Liquid Cargo Terminal which is managed by the BPCL-IOCL consortium is also there at the port along with a newly constructed coastal berth.

Nestled across 277 hectares of land, JNPA also operates a meticulously designed multi-product SEZ, with state-of-the-art infrastructure, to boost export-oriented industries in India.

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