

**PRESS RELEASE**

**WORLD OZONE DAY 2024 CELEBRATED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2024 BY  
DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, WORKING PLAN DIVISION,  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS, HADDO, PORT BLAIR**

The "World Ozone Day 2024", is generally observed globally on 16th September, however, this year it is celebrated on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024 since 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 happens to be gazette holiday as per D.O. letter No. 12/3/2024-OC dated 27.08.2024, issued by MoEF&CC. In this connection, a programme organized with the theme "Montreal Protocol: Advancing Climate Action", to create awareness among Ministerial, Executive as well as Industrial Staff and to educate students of Govt. Senior Secondary School (Telugu Medium), Haddo about the vital importance of ozone layer conservation and more than 30 students participated in the programme.



Shri Birendra Choudhary, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Working Plan Division, Haddo emphasized the vital importance of Ozone Layer protection and minimizing the adverse impact on climate change. The Ozone layer, a fragile shield of gas, protects us from harmful ultraviolet radiation, and its depletion can have devastating effects on human health, agriculture, and ecosystems. To prevent this, we must adopt simple and effective measures, such as reducing our carbon footprint, using eco-friendly products, and supporting policies that promote ozone layer protection. For example, replacing traditional refrigerants with ozone-friendly alternatives and properly disposing of electronic waste can make a significant difference. The implementation of the recommendations of India Cooling Action Plan (ICAP), launched by the MoEF&CC 2019, provides actionable pathways to meet sustainable cooling needs, significantly contributing to India's climate action also.

On this occasion, Shri Padmadev, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Working Plan); Shri Shadab Ali, Range Forest Officer (Tech); Shri Sanjoy Das, Forester; Shri G. Tirupathi, Forester and Shri Subham, Forester also highlighted the importance of Ozone layer Protection and India Cooling Action Plan (ICAP) and vote of thanks was proposed by Shri Robin Paul, Range Forest Officer (N&M) of this division.

Let us join hands to protect the Ozone Layer and ensure a sustainable future for all.

  
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