

**W**orld Environment Day is celebrated each year on the 5th of June. It is one of the primary channels which fuel worldwide awareness of the environment and boost up public attention and action.

The World Environment Day theme for 2007 is 'Melting Ice – a Hot Topic? In support of the International Polar Year 2007-08, the theme focuses on the effect that climate change is having on polar ecosystems and communities, and the ensuing consequences around the world.

The Earth has warmed by approximately 0.75 degree Celsius since pre-industrial times. Eleven of the warmest years in the past 125 years occurred since 1990, with 2005 the warmest on record. There is overwhelming consensus that this is due to the emission of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels.

Greenhouse gas emissions from human activities are causing our world to get warmer. Concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is higher than at anytime for the past 0.6 million years, and the rate of increase is accelerating.



The most dramatic evidence of climatic change is in the Polar Regions. The Arctic is warming twice as fast as the global average. The extent and thickness of permanent Arctic sea ice is diminishing.

The Earth's cryosphere –its frozen regions – is melting fast. According to the 2007 report on climate change, 30 mountain glaciers around the world lost more than half a meter of thickness in 2005, resulting from a temperature rise of 0.60 C over the 20th century. In Himalayas, Mount Everest's glaciers have shrunk by 2 to 5 km in the last five decades, flooding glacier lakes and nearby communities.

This year DP World, Cochin also celebrated Environment day focusing mainly on planting trees. We all must have seen in the newspapers about illegal cutting of trees everywhere in our locality for the simple reason that it obstructs the advertising boards of some company products. There is need for creating awareness among people about the importance of planting trees and look after them like we look after our children. Trees can slow climate change by absorbing CO2, help to reduce pollution, keep cities cool, protect water catchments and reduce soil erosion. Trees are giant carbon pumps, sucking carbon from air and pumping it into the ground, trunks and branches. Any cutting/destruction of trees is going to affect the climate.

To protect us from the impact of dangerous climate change, this destruction must stop.



Trees were planted in the new container stacking yard opposite to IGT House and Pre-Stage area. Senior management led by General Manager planted trees. This was followed by other personnel who planted almost 144 saplings in the pre stage area. There was participation from the private truck drivers also. These initiatives are not only to improve the environmental conditions but also to generate awareness and spread the message among all.

**New Members in DP World Cochin Family**



**KESHAVDAS**  
Chief Finance Officer

A Chartered Accountant and Cost Accountant by profession, Keshav started his career as Management Trainee with Shaw Wallace & Company Ltd., New Delhi. Prior to joining DP World, Cochin, he has

worked in organizations like Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL) New Delhi, Ernst & Young - Bahrain, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Hyderabad, Malabar Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS), Calicut, LOTS Shipping Limited, Cochin etc.



**BIJU JOSEPH**  
Sr. Executive - IT

Biju holds a Masters degree in Computer Application. He was previously working with FACT in the computer services department for over 10 years where he was awarded a certificate of excellence in recognition of his leading role in computerizing the stock points of FACT all over south India.



Arun Kalam, Antony Keezheth and Aneesh M, Engineering graduates, joined DP World Cochin as Officer – QHSE, Officer – Engineering and Officer – Planning respectively after their apprenticeship with us.



Krishna Mohan and Jixon George after Diploma Engineer apprenticeship with DP World Cochin joined as Crane Operators.