

## **REPORT ON WMO DAY 2017 CELEBRATION AT RMC MUMBAI** **BY IMS MUMBAI CHAPTER**

WMO DAY 2017 was celebrated with great valour by RMC Mumbai & all officers & staff participated with their ideas on WMO theme. This was first joint celebration of WMO Day by RMC Mumbai & IMS Mumbai chapter under guidance of IMS NC, New Delhi. Initial preparations include official meetings of WMO Committee, IMS Council, Section I/C for planning, execution & arrangements of this great function. Invitations were also sent to schools, colleges, govt. authorities & media highlighting importance of the day. All officials attended meeting & shared their ideas, suggestions & role in WMO celebration. Banners were displayed in RMC Mumbai campus & 300 brochures printed for distribution to public. Two pendals were built to celebrate the function & nearly 90 volunteers of RMC Mumbai participated in the function thereby explaining various state of art technologies used by IMD for forecasting of weather. The function was funded by IMS National Council, New Delhi which helped RMC to enhance scope of celebration & wide publicity within Mumbai.

The function was inaugurated by Dr. Suhas Divse, Director, DMU, Govt. of Maharashtra at 1015 am along with convenor of NGO, Anam Prem. He was also Chief Guest for the function. He appraised IMD for its mandate & for providing valuable services to the nation especially to farmers by citing practical examples. He was also impressed by various practical models & exhibit displayed & assured to provide assistance for their preservation. He suggested that such models may be displayed in rural areas to make people aware about IMD' swork & functions. Shri K. S. Hosalikar, DDGM highlighted on WMO theme for 2017 & IMD's role on the same. He also gave details of IMD's ongoing projects & future planning. As usual members of ANAM PREM, NGO participated & extended their cooperation in celebrating WMO Day function. Smt. Shubhangi Bhute, Director along with Research Section staff presided over inaugural function & welcomed all delegates. The prizes were awarded to staff who were successful in various competitions held under WMO Day celebrations as guided by National Council.

The following models / exhibit on respective subject displayed during celebration.

- Inspectorate section – Surface instruments along with actual rain gauge to show how rainfall is measured.
- RMC Section – AWS Model with exhibits.
- DWR Section – DWR antenna model with exhibits.
- Hydrology section – Maharashtra map model with rainfall data & exhibit.
- MWO Mumbai – Runway model with exhibit.
- RS/RW Mumbai – RS/RW building model with exhibit.
- Technical Section – Data models with statistics & exhibit.
- Seismo Section – Sismic wave model with exhibit.
- RCC Section – Observatory model.
- RWFC Section – Cumulonimbus Cloud model.
- Suffer unit – Exhibit on functions of SUFFER.
- IMS Mumbai – Drawing, IMS exhibit.

All models were appreciated by visiting public & school children enjoyed understanding concept of meteorology on models.

In addition, as guided by NC, Hindi essay competition, drawing competition on subject 'weather & environment' were organised as a part of WMO Day celebration. 15 staff

participated in Essay competition & 30 children participated in drawing competition. All drawings were displayed during WMO day celebrations in separate pendal under IMS banner. Also on spot meteorological quiz competition was conducted on WMO Day by team of IMS members & instant prizes were given to public for correct answers. Nearly 150 students participated in this competition.

The arrangement of snacks & lunch was also made for volunteers & cold drink & chocolates were provided to the public visiting exhibition. The following schools with students visited the exhibition.

The exhibition was attended by nearly 700 college students, senior citizens, media personnel & staff families. Dr. Saha, Sc-G, CRS, Pune also visited & participated in the function. The function was ended at 1715 IST with thanks of vote by DDGM, RMC Mumbai & Coordinator, WMO Day celebrations.

Success of above celebration could not have been possible without timely help by IMS National Cpuncil, New Delhi. IMS Mumbai Chapter is thankful to IMS NC for their cooperation & funding for this great event. We hope to continue such celebrations in future under guidance of NC, IMS New Delhi.

### **Photo Gallery**











































