

Seminar throws light on dangers of global warming

Speakers stress energy conservation, recycling to arrest trend

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CHENNAI: 'Cooling the Globe: a Campaign to Arrest Global Warming,' was the theme of a seminar held at The Raintree Hotel as part of the World Environment Day on Tuesday.

Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency chairman and managing director A. Elangovan said the day was being celebrated to think about the globe and the imbalance caused to the ecosystem. "There are different forms of renewable energy such as sun, wind, biomass and ocean geothermal energy that can be harnessed instead of burning fossil fuels," he said.

Exnora International founder M.B. Nirmal said the campaign against global warming begins at home, continues in the vehicle that one drives and culminates in the work place. He detailed the Home Exnora campaign that was being organised — beginning with segregation of biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes, composting, recycling of wastewater and developing

home gardens.

Save Energy Company managing director T. Jayaraman made a presentation on the energy conservation that could be achieved by using LED (Light Emitting Diode) bulbs.

Professor of Botany at Madras Christian College D. Narasimhan explained that global warming was the result of pumping out carbon from the earth into the atmosphere through burning of petrol, diesel, coal and gas. "It has taken several billion years for the carbon to get stored, but now we pump out the equivalent of 400 years of carbon storage in just one year," he said.

While planting trees may not be the total solution to absorb all the carbon released into the atmosphere, lifestyle modifications in terms of consuming less fuel, and power for air conditioning could help to change the trend, he said.

Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board District Environmental Engineer P. Rajasekar highlighted how emissions would exhaust the planet.



FIGHT TO SAVE ENERGY: SECO managing director T. Jayaraman explains the benefits of an LED bulb at the 'Cooling the Globe: a Campaign to Arrest Global Warming' seminar in Chennai on Tuesday. TEDA chairman and managing director A. Elangovan is in the picture. — PHOTO: R. RAGU