



WEBINAR ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



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Theme: Time for Nature

Webinar on World Environment Day organized by Vidyasagar University & Centre for Environmental Studies (CES) on 5th June, 2020

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1. INTRODUCTION:-

Nature and Environment are protecting us to deal with all the consequences of living in Earth. Aiming at conservation of the Environment and making people aware of the consequences during this pandemic situation of COVID-19, a scientific webinar was organized by Vidyasagar University conducted through Centre for Environmental Studies (CES) on 5th June, 2020. In 1974, the World's Environment Day was first celebrated with the aim to encourage awareness and action for the protection of the environment. Recently due to Amphan Cyclone which hit Bay of Bengal and Nisarga Cyclone which hit Arabaian Sea has destructed and devastated the nature a lot making many people homeless. As we all know during this pandemic situation of Covid-19, due to Corona virus all over the world lockdown has commenced from 26th March, 2020 onwards due to which all institutions are closed but still an innovative idea of Webinar online has been organized by Vidyasagar University conducted through Centre for Environmental Studies on World Environment Day with innovative views to communicate with the students, research scholars, teachers, administrative staffs for making people aware of Environment Protection.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE WEBINAR:-

The Webinar was organized with the main theme on “Time for Nature” which has been arranged with an objective for the awareness of the environment protection for the sustainable future.

3. STRUCTURE OF THE WEBINAR:-

Centre for Environmental Studies, Vidyasagar University and Vidyasagar University have organized one day Webinar on 5th June, 2020 for the awareness of the Environment protection for sustainable future which has started with the first stage of “**Tree planting**” in the Vidyasagar University Campus by our Honorable Vice Chancellor Sir Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti maintaining social distancing during this pandemic situation of COVID-19. This year Vidyasagar University has registered in World Environment Day for the theme of “Time for Nature” under UN Environment Programme.

Dr. Jatisankar Bandyopadhyay, Deputy Director of Centre for Environmental Studies, Vidyasagar has started the Webinar with his welcome address with a scientific session with the inaugural address and key note lecture by our Honorable Vice Chancellor Sir Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti following with a lecture by Prof. Tapan Kumar De, Programme Coordinator, NSS under the supervision of Dr. Jatisankar Bandyopadhyay, Deputy Director & Dr. Misha Roy, Co-ordinator, Centre for Environmental Studies, Vidyasagar University. The Vote of thanks has been given by Dr. Jayanta Kishore Nandi, Registrar, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, West Bengal.



4. PROGRAMME OF WEBINAR:-

The Programme has started from 12:30 p.m. onwards with the welcoming of our Honourable Vice Chancellor Sir, Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti, Vidyasagar University, Dr. Jayanta Kishore Nandi, and all students, research scholars, academic staffs & administrative staffs by Dr. Jatisankar Bandyopadhyay, Deputy Director, Centre of Environmental Studies, Vidyasagar University.

5. Welcome Address:

The welcome address has been given by Dr. Jatisankar Bandyopadhyay, Deputy Director, Centre of Environmental Studies, Vidyasagar University. He started his welcome address by welcoming our Honourable Vice Chancellor Sir, Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti, Vidyasagar University and all the participants in that august gathering. He also focus on the theme of environmental protection and conservation of biodiversity in this World Environment Day.



Welcome address by Dr. Jatisankar Bandyopadhyay, Deputy Director, Centre for Environmental Studies (CES), Vidyasagar University

6. Inaugural Address & Key-Note Speaker:

The inaugural speech and key note lecture was delivered by our Honourable Vice Chancellor Sir, Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti, Acting Director of Centre for Environmental Studies. He has started to specify with the aim of making everyone aware of Environment protection and Tree Planting as due to Amphan Cyclone many large trees are destructed and devastated throughout West Bengal in this year. The main objective was to concentrate with the studies related to Environment and other issues related to it.

Our Honourable Vice Chancellor Sir, Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti, continued his inaugural speech with the main focus on Environment, Biodiversity and the issues faced by people due to Natural Disasters and hazards. Our Honourable Vice Chancellor Sir also focused on the fact that as one of the Eminent scientist Dr. Rachael Carson has mentioned in the book “Silent Springs” that “Nature will take its revenge once if we don’t protect our Environment”. This way he focused on the main fact that after 100 years again a pandemic situation has occurred where Nature is alerting us to start protecting and conserving our Environment for the well-being of human.

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Honourable Vice-Chancellor Sir, Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti delivering the inaugural speech

He also announced that Vidyasagar University has ranked 65th position within the 100 institutions in India. He ended his lecture with the argument that “nature takes revenge” which he also published in his book in 2006 where during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 has followed the Mississippi Flood Event. The people should be more aware of protecting the environment for living. The natural disasters teaches people to cope up with the situation but with great devastating impacts on human life.

7. Lecture: Dr. Tapan Kumar De, Programme Coordinator, NSS have also focused on Environment protection and biodiversity enrichment with conservation of nature.



Lecture by Dr. Tapan Kumar De, Programme Coordinator, NSS, and Dr. Misha Roy, Coordinator, Centre for Environmental Studies (CES), Vidyasagar University

Dr. Misha Roy has also focused on the theme of “Time for Nature” and asked the students to be aware and make our society more aware about sustainability of nature.

8. Vote of Thanks

Dr. Jayanta Kishore Nandi, Registrar, Vidyasagar University concluded with a vote of thanks for the Day-one of Two-days National workshop on 29th March, 2019. The vote of thanks continued with a small tea break with the continuation of special-lecture by the scientific session.



Vote of thanks by Dr. Jayanta Kishore Nandi, Registrar, Vidyasagar University

9. PARTICIPATION:-

The Webinar was organized with the main theme on “Time for Nature” by Centre for Environmental Studies (CES), Vidyasagar University made a platform for all the participants with as Administrative Officers, Government officials, Faculties from all Departments, Research Scholars, students and other delegates. More than 100 Participants communicated in this Webinar.

It was a very successful and beautiful organized webinar with good participation and communicative Webinar for the awareness and celebration of “World Environment Day” maintaining social distancing during this pandemic situation of COVID-19.

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