

Realising the worth of Earth

AIETSM & AIES celebrated World Water Day and World Earth Day collaboratively, with great enthusiasm

World Water Day

On the occasion of World Water Day celebrated on March 22 annually, Amity Institute for Environmental, Toxicology, Safety & Mgmt and Amity Institute of Environmental Sciences, organised a workshop to spread awareness on the depletion of water resources in the world.

Prof Tanu Jindal, director, AIETSM & AIES, highlighted the initiatives of Amity University towards water research projects, with special reference to groundwater contamination. She shared her concern on the rising level of water pollution which renders the task of



Participants showcase their project on World Water day



Panelists hold discussion on Earth Day

cleaning water resources, unachievable. Er Rajesh Kumar, former commissioner, CWC, discussed the policies and projects of the government on water conservation. He highlighted the importance of dams in supplying water to remote areas. Er RK Khanna, former chief engineer, CWC, spoke about saving water in various ways in our day to day routine. He also discussed the hydraulic projects and their impact on environment. A film on the polluted water bodies of Delhi/NCR, produced by ASCO student

Balbir Kaur, was also screened on the day. The programme concluded with Prof Jindal suggesting the use of fresh water resources wisely, through a poem. The highlight of the day was a water exhibition put up by AUUP students, with over 150 posters, models and projects on display. The best three models and posters based on application, were selected during the exhibition.

Earth Day

AIETSM and AIES commemorated Earth Day on April 22, by organising a workshop that saw the presence of eminent guests who expressed concern over the deteriorating state of mother Earth. Prof Tanu Jindal threw light on the condition of the melting glaciers of Antarctica as a consequence of global warming. Prof Rasik Ravindra, Ministry of Earth Sciences and former director, NCAOR, Goa, delivered a talk on 'Relevance of Antarctic Research to Earth

Systems' and elaborated on the Indian stations at Antarctica, Dakshin Gangotri, Maitri and Bharati. He also shared his experiences of establishing the Bharati station and his six expeditions to various stations. He discussed the biological, microbiological, scismological, geographical and physico-chemical research aspects of Antarctica.

Anuj Ranjan, research scholar, AIETSM shared the story of his adventurous 34th expedition to Antarctica. He emphasised on the importance of fitness in expeditions where one faces extreme weather conditions and sea sickness. He went on to conduct water and sediment sampling for toxicant analysis. Dr W Selvamurthy, president, ASTIF, also shared his Antarctica experience. He emphasised on bridging the gap between policy makers and scientific community. ■

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About Water Day

World Water Day is celebrated annually on March 22 all over the world. This year, the day's theme was 'Water and Sustainable Development'.

About Earth Day

Earth Day was founded by US Senator Gaylord Nelson and first held on April 22, 1970. The day is celebrated in over 192 countries each year.