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(University of Delhi)



EnviSAGE society

Webinar on
CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE HIMALAYA
Session by Dr. Kumar Manish

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Platform: Google Meet
Number of participants: 45-50

On the occasion of World Ozone Day (International Day for the preservation of Ozone layer), EnviSAGE, the Environmental Society organized a lecture on the topic "Climate Change and the Himalaya". Incidentally the day also marked one year of the society, during which the society worked towards environmental awareness, advocacy, and activism. The main aim of this session was to bring awareness on the different impacts of climate change and the steps that should be taken to control the on-going situation. Environmental enthusiasts (students and faculty) from various institutions took part in the session.

The resource person for the session was Dr. Kumar Manish, Assistant Professor in the Department of Environmental Studies, B.R. Ambedkar College, University of Delhi. Dr. Manish has been working on climate change issues in the Himalaya over the last 10 years. He has published several research papers in peer reviewed journals of high impact factor.

The session commenced by welcoming the resource person and all the participants followed by a showcasing a one minute video of the activities organized by the society during the past one year. After this, Dr. Kumar Manish spoke on the topic of Climate Change and Himalaya. He gave a synopsis of how the Himalaya mountains were formed and the importance of Himalayas to the Indian subcontinent. Using visual aids to highlight his discourse, Dr. Manish discussed the impacts climate change on the Himalayan mountains, especially with respect to melting of glaciers, natural disasters like landslides, floods, earthquakes, shifting of agricultural patterns and the impact of all these issues on the large chunk of population (approx. 1.9 billion people) who are dependent on Himalayas either directly or indirectly. He reiterated the need to conserve the Himalaya and how as individuals everyone can contribute to the same. He also shared his knowledge, wisdom, and experience during the interactive question answer session. The session concluded with Dr. Ashish Thomas, convener of EnviSAGE society extending gratitude to Dr. Kumar Manish on behalf of the society.

Marking the beginning of second year of the society, Mr Shivansh, President of EnviSAGE launched our new project- *Prakriti ki Paathshala*. This project intends to educate children regarding various environmental phenomena and issues. Through this the environment society aims to sow seeds of curiosity in young minds, further motivating them to pursue environmentalism as a lifestyle. This collaborative project involves making through short videos encompassing explanatory visuals and voice-over and showing the same to students in rural and sub urban schools. The language of communication in the video clips will be bilingual (English and Hindi) to create awareness in a wider demographic area.

The event concluded with vote of thanks read by Ms. Pranjal.