



KUMAUN UNIVERSITY NAINITAL

International Forest Day

Title of Report: International Forest Day

Department: Department of Biotechnology

Date of Event: 21 March 2023

Name of Organizers: Department of Biotechnology

Contributors/ Sponsors: UCOST

Type of activity: Forest Conservation

Details of Expenditure: Rs. 30,000

Total No. of Beneficiaries: 60


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Executive Summary:

Brief overview of the event:

A one-day event was organized on International Forest Day at Sir J.C. Bose technical campus, Bhimtal, Nainital on 21st of March, 2023. The event was sponsored by Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology, Dehradun. Prof. L.S. Lodhiyal, HOD, Department of Forestry and Environmental Science, Kumaun University, Nainital and Dr. Ashutosh Pant, an Ayurvedic Physician of Uttarakhand were the resource people who were present through video conferencing.

Introduction:

Purpose of the event: The day was celebrated with the motive to impart awareness to the younger generation regarding the importance of forest conservation and how to protect the environment.

Background information: The International Day of Forests, celebrated every year on March 21, highlights the significance of forests and raises awareness about forest restoration. Introduced by the United Nations in 2012, this day serves as a reminder of the crucial role forests play in our daily lives. Forests are essential for combating climate change, supporting livelihoods, safeguarding biodiversity, and reducing the risk of future pandemics. This year's theme is "Forests and Innovation: New Solutions for a Better World". Innovations in forest monitoring, early warning systems, sustainable commodity production, and empowering Indigenous Peoples through land mapping and climate finance access are vital in the battle against deforestation. Let's celebrate and protect our forests!

Event details:

Date: 21 March 2023

Time: 11 am- 1 pm

Location of the event: Department of Biotechnology, Bhimtal Campus

Agenda: To create awareness about Forest Conservation



Description of activities: The event was started with lamp lighting by Prof. Veena Pande, Head of the Department with other faculty members. The introductory lecture was given by Prof. Veena Pande where she talked about the importance of celebrating this day internationally and also gave a brief introduction about both the speakers. She welcomed all the participants in the seminar and encouraged the youngster generation to actively indulge in the researches related to forest conservation.

This was followed by a thought-provoking lecture by Prof. Lodhiyal, who talked about the importance of forest conservation in India, especially Uttarakhand. He also told the participants about the plant diversity in Kumaun region and the effect of climate change on the flora and vegetation of this region.

Thereafter, Dr. Ashutosh Pant interacted with the audience. He talked about the importance of planting trees and requested everyone to not only plant trees but also to take care of them and maintain them. He explained the Miyawaki technique, by which he has developed a mini forest in Uttarakhand, as an effort to keep the hills green and mobilize people towards a green environment.

Attendance and Participants:

Number of Attendees: 70

Demography of Participants: NA

Feedback received: NA

Financial Summary:

Budget allocated: Rs. 30,000/-

Expenditure: Rs. 30,000/-

Income generated: NA

Conclusion

Summary of the event: Prof. Lodhiyal and Dr. Ashutosh Pant shared their views on forest restoration in Uttarakhand state. They also motivated the participants to create awareness in the society about planting trees for a healthy and long life and the nation's ecology. Prof. Veena Pandey presented a vote of thanks to the eminent speakers and the participants. The program ended with lunch for all the participants.



Closing remarks: As we conclude our celebration of the International Day of Forests, we hope that we all can reflect on the immense value that forests bring to our planet. Let's carry the spirit of Forest Day beyond today and start taking action, whether it's planting a sapling, supporting conservation organizations, or simply appreciating the rustle of leaves in a quiet forest.

Supporting documents: Photographs, Certificate, Attendance, news coverage

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Attendance Sheet

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