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Srinagar, June 04: The National Institute of Technology (NIT), Srinagar Friday organised a virtual lecture on the critical importance of data and its role in modern economic structure. The lecture 'Role of data analytics in marketing' was held by Department of Humanities Social Science and Management (HSS&M) of NIT Srinagar and was hosted by Khalid Wani, Director Western Digital (WD), a leading global data storage brand in India.

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## Environment Day Speakers at NIT hosted event vow to reduce plastic use

Srinagar, June 05: The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Saturday hosted an online event to celebrate the 'World Environment Day' wherein speakers vowed to minimize usage of plastic to combat climate change.

The virtual event 'Science and Climate Change' was jointly organized by the Institute's Physics and Chemistry departments.

While addressing the webinar, Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal said there is a need to be more practical and reduce the use of plastic and try to opt for alternatives that can be recycled.

"To protect the environment, we should start from our own houses, institutions, offices and localities. These small steps will protect our environment at a larger level. We should plant more trees and make our community aware of their responsibilities towards the environment," he said.

Director NIT Srinagar also expressed his gratitude to Physics and Chemistry departments for organising the webinar on the importance of the environment.

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save the unique natural wealth."

"We have to work with our people, government, and grassroots organizations to emphasise the importance of the environment and take collective action which would bring a tangible change," Prof. Bukhari said.

Director Disaster Management and NIT Srinagar alumnus, Aamir Ali Mir, who was chief guest on the occasion, said nature has bestowed the planet with a lot of resources but human greed has led to an imbalance that could prove disastrous. "Nature has its own way of restoring the ecosystem and as we witnessed during COVID-19 lockdown, quality of air, water improved and there was less pollution," he said.

"We should encourage the use of organic stuff. The government should try to facilitate public transport system in such a way that people use it more," he said.

Dean School of Social Science and Head Department of Religious Studies, CUK, Prof. Hameed Naseem Rafabadi said there is a need to involve the students to conserve the dying water bodies in the region.

NIT Alumnus Ramesh Ramakrishnan from Kerala said environment protection is an attitude. "Our small efforts can bring a change," he said.

HOD Physics, Prof. P A Ganale said "we need to join hands to save the environment and need to adopt eco-friendly measures to combat the global environmental challenges."

HOD Chemistry, Prof. Kowamir Mahid said it has been 49 years since world environment day is being observed but nothing has been done at ground level, which is a big question for all of us.

On the occasion, Professor S A Shah stressed to be more practical in the prevailing situation and urged all stakeholders including the government to come forward and contribute their part in preserving the environment.

Former HOD Chemistry, Tabassum Ara said little things can help us in conserving the environment like walking or use of cycle for short distances to buy goods from market. "Use of eco-friendly products like e-books and educating our children about the environment and its preservation is imperative," She said.

Professor M. A. Shah from the Physics Department said the idea behind celebrating the day each year is to highlight the importance of the environment and to remind people that nature should not be taken for granted.

"The need of the hour is to inform the society and the government about the cost of failure to address global warming, climate change," he said.

The webinar was moderated and hosted by Nikhilosh K. Diliwalya from Physics department of NIT Srinagar.

A formal vote of thanks for the concluding session was presented by Prof. Seemir Rubab, Professor of Physics department. Prof. Rubab also highlighted the role of students in debating such crucial issues.

# NIT Srinagar, IEI-JK observe world environment day

KV NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar and Institution of Engineers (India) J&K State Centre, Srinagar (IEI J&K) and National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) on Saturday celebrated the world environment day.

At NIT Srinagar a virtual event was jointly organized by the Department of Physics and Chemistry and Prof. MA Shah was the brain behind the day-long event.

While addressing virtual webinar in his keynote address, Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal said there is need to be more practical and take an oath that we will minimize the use of plastic in our lives and try to use alternatives that can be recycled.

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Dr. Sehgal said if we remain in a green and hygienic environment that would please everyone in our societies. It will bring a positive change and vibrant change, he said.

The theme for World Environment Day 2021 was 'Ecosystem Restoration' and Pakistan was its global host for the day.



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Director Disaster Management J&K Alumnus NIT Srinagar, Aamir Ali Mir, who was chief guest on the occasion said nature has bestowed with a lot of resources but unfortunately due to the greed of humankind, we are exploiting them on a large scale more than requirement.

It has led to an imbalance in the environment and following which nature has responded through natural disasters. Nature has its own

way of restoring the ecosystem and as we witnessed during Covid19 lockdown, quality of air, water improved and there was less pollution," he said.

Mir said there is a need to use less fossil fuels in many ways. We should encourage the use of organic stuff. The government should try to facilitate that public transport system in such a way that people use it more, he said.

"More focus should be laid on renewable energy rather than energy coming from other sources. At the individual level we should plant more trees and at the government level with massive plantation drive to cover the catchment areas," he added.

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"Both Central University of Kashmir and NIT Srinagar can sign a MoU and start work on the ground jointly in preserving the environment. We have to take a call on our own without waiting for someone else to assist us and make our people aware about the important issue," he said.

Meanwhile, a webinar on World Environment Day was observed by Institution of Engineers

(India) J&K State Centre, Srinagar (IEI J&K) and National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India in collaboration with Divisional Administration Kashmir, Govt. PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar Jammu, J&K Forest Department, SSM College of Engineering and Technology Paritasspora and J&K State Emergency Operation Centre, Srinagar. The theme of the Webinar was "Ecosystem Restoration for improved relationship with Nature".

The speakers for Webinar were Dr. Sangita Nagari, Principal Govt. PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar Jammu, Er. Aamir Ali, Chairman Institution of Engineers (India) J&K State Centre, Srinagar; Dr. MKD Kundangar, Former Director (R&D) J&K LAWDA, Muthaherra Abida, Senior Scientist, J&K Pollution Control Board, Irfan Ali Shah, Conservator of Forests, Dr. (Professor) Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Dean Research, University of Kashmir, Dr. Amir Ali Khan, Faculty NIDM, Er. Syed Shahir Ahmed Ruffai, Director Skill Development SSM College of Engineering, Paritasspora. The Webinar was coordinated by Er. M. Aaquib Sultana Waheed Deva, Honorary Secretary, IEI J&K, Yogita Grabyal, Young Professional NIDM, Bilquees Dar and Mohammed Suhail Wani, Consultants Disaster Management conducted the proceedings of the inaugural day prepared by Er. Abdul Rashid Bhat, from EMRRC, University of Kashmir was also played during the webinar.

## Jio customers in Anantnag village annoyed over poor services



JAHANGHER GANAIE ANANTNAG: Jio consumers in south

no option but to change to another service provider," Shakeel Ahmad, an annoyed consumer, said.

## KU celebrates World Environment Day Students, youth have to be active partners in environment protection initiatives: Prof Talat

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**SRINAGAR:** The University of Kashmir on Saturday organised an online seminar to mark the World Environment Day.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Talat Ahmad inaugurated

presented a brief about the achievements and functioning of the Department of Environmental Science and Dr. Mohammad Muslim, Coordinator during the seminar. A documentary on Environment session and also presented a vote of thanks.

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GNK NEWS NETWORK

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Prof Sehgal congratulated the stakeholders for coming together to work jointly for mitigating the plastic pollution. He said that the institute and UT of J&K are largely going to benefit from the partnership in the future. The students and faculty members shall be promoted to attend the mutual exchange programmes, he said.

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Coordinator for NIT Srinagar, Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather, Head Chemical Engineering Department stressed to look for all the modern and viable technologies available to mitigate the plastic and other pollution problems.

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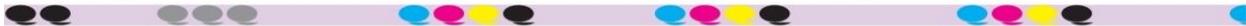
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### NIT Srinagar holds workshop on 'Mercury' as a global pollutant of the Minamata Convention

**Srinagar, June 19:** The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Saturday organised a day-long awareness workshop on Mercury (Hg) as a global pollutant.

The event was jointly organised by the Laboratory of Multifunctional Nanomaterials (LMN), NIT Srinagar in collaboration with the Centre for Minamata Convention Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad.

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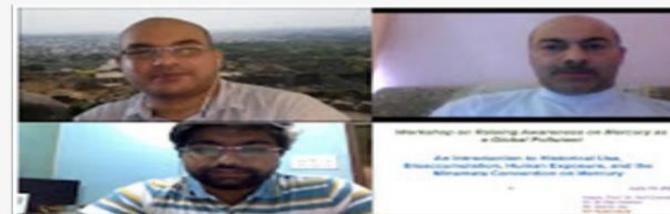
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Director NIT, Prof. Rakesh Sehgal in his message said practicing Yoga is important for human health and urged faculty, students, to practice age-old exercise which has various health benefits.

"We should not make Yoga day restricted or limited to 21 June only but should make it an important segment of our daily lives," he said.

Dr. Sehgal said following the prevailing situation, the celebrations of Yoga day was muted this year and both faculty members, students practiced Yoga at their respective places.

He said Yoga helps in de-stressing and in calming the mind and body. Yoga helps in breathing problems and eradicating toxins



and impurity from the body.

International Day of Yoga is celebrated on June 21 and this year University Grants Commission (UGC) had asked the varsities, NITs, IIMs to perform Yoga with the theme "Be with Yoga, be at home" for building immunity and relief from stress.

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