

# National Virtual Seminar on *We for Environment* World Environment Day- 2021

5th June, 2021

**5th June, 2021**, National Virtual Seminar on *We for Environment* was organized on the occasion of World Environment Day by Government College Dhaliara, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh in collaboration with Kalp Foundation, Mandi and Pratibha Spandan, Shimla. World Environment Day is meant to generate awareness about the significance of nature. The main idea behind celebrating World Environment Day is to realize the importance of the environment and to make people aware that nature should not be taken for granted. The day is celebrated across the globe to respect and recognize all that the environment has provided us. The theme for World Environment Day 2021 is 'Ecosystem Restoration'.

The seminar started with the opening remarks by Dr. Pramod Singh Patiyal, Principal, Government College Dhaliara, District Kangra,



Himachal Pradesh, followed by the first lecture by Dr. Usha Bande, Former Fellow, IIAS, & Retired Principal, Govt. College, Arki, district Solan, Himachal Pradesh. She shared some thoughts on ecosystem restoration. She talked about the changing environmental scenario and stressed on the need of restoration. She cited examples from the folklore and traditional wisdom, which stressed on traditional conservational measures. This was followed by lecture by Sanjeev Sharma, Senior Scientific Officer,



Regional Laboratory, H. P. Pollution Control Board, Shimla. He talked on Ambient Air and Water Quality and Waste Management in Himachal Pradesh. He highlighted the present scenario of the air and water quality in the state and the role of state pollution control board in the management of pollution. He talked about various rules and regulations governing the monitoring of the environment in the state. He also discussed the positive impact of COVID-19 pandemic on environment.



Prof. P. K. Ahluwalia, Former Dean Planning & Teaching Matters, HP University, Shimla delivered his lecture on responsibility of citizens in restoration of environment in the state. He shared the green initiatives taken by the Green New Shimla Society in restoration of



ecosystem at microlevel. Shashi Shekhar, Scientific Officer, Head Office H. P. Pollution Control Board, Shimla enlightened the participants with the use of satellites in environment monitoring & planning. Prof. Keshav Sharma, Former Dean, Department of Education, HP University, Shimla talked about Mind Pollution and Human Life. He discussed the origin of thought which is the root cause of suffering

and leads to destruction. He elucidated about the Vedic rituals in purifying thoughts and environment. Mr. Nirmal Singh, Assistant Professor, Government College Dhaliara, proposed the vote of thanks.



About hundred participants from different parts of the country including teachers, research scholars, students and environment professional participated in the seminar.