

Report on Water, Environment and Fireworks Protection Awareness Day March 22, 2017

The program on “**Water, Environment and Fireworks Protection Awareness Day 2017**” was organized jointly by the **Department of Environmental Science and Civil Engineering** on 22nd March, 2017” at Hall No.3, Central Library Building, Integral University, Lucknow.

The program started with the welcome address from **Ms. Neha Mumtaz, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering**. She extended her warm welcome to the Guest of Honour **Dr. Seraj Khan**, Senior Scientist, Central Ground Water Board, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh; Guest of Honour, **Dr. Abhishek Saxena**, Dean Engineering, SRM University, Lucknow; and all the dignitaries, HoD’s and Faculty members.

The Guest of Honour **Dr. Seraj Khan**, provided an insight about the availability of water on Earth. He showed a video on the topic ‘**A Letter From 2070**’ (Save Water for Next Generation by **Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam**, the Former President of India). He talked about the water quality and availability issues of Uttar Pradesh and showed many thought provoking, inspirational and motivational videos on conservation of water.



The Guest of Honour **Dr. Abhishek Saxena**, delivered an interesting presentation on the ‘**Severity of Fluoride Problem in Ground Water of Uttar Pradesh**’. He emphasised on the major defluoridation techniques as well as the nutritional interventions to reduce the consequences of fluorosis. On the basis of his extensive research outcome, he revealed about the complex relationship between the socio-economical status and occurrence of fluorosis.

Prof. M. A. Khalid, Head, Department of Environmental Science and Dean Student Welfare, Integral University, Lucknow emphasized on the topic ‘**Wetlands and its Ecological Significance**’. He stressed on the fact that wetlands are the important repositories of aquatic biodiversity and there is a dire need for water conservation and restoration of these natural resources. He also shared his experiences about his global exploration and research efforts in the field of ecology and biodiversity conservation.

Mr. Mohammad Usama, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Science in his lecture emphasized about the ill-effects of fireworks and its protection measures. He raised his concerns that fireworks are responsible for accidents and pollution of our environment. Employment of children in such a hazardous job is a serious issue.

The program was attended by a large number of students from B.Tech stream. It was highly informative and eye-opening program for students as well as faculty.

The program ended with Vote of Thanks by **Mr. Zishan Raza Khan, Head Department of Civil Engineering And Deputy Director HRDC, Integral University, Lucknow** where he thanked all the senior functionaries of the University, HoD’s and Faculty members of Department of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science for giving their valuable time, support and cooperation in making this program a success.