**Brief Report on Celebrating Rivers of India under “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”**

In order to commemorate 75 years of India’s independence under “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” program, The Department of Environmental Science, Integral University, Lucknow organized a Quiz on “River Ganga” on theme “Celebrating Rivers of India” to ensure maximum public outreach in celebrating the importance of River Ganga on 23rd December 2021 under the supervision of Prof. Monowar Alam Khalid, Head, Department of Environmental Science and Dean, Students' Welfare.

As we all know, Rivers are the backbone of human civilization! They provide us with fresh water which is helpful for various purposes such as drinking, cleaning, washing, etc. without them, life will come to a halt; they just keep on flowing without any stop. We humans exist because of the crucial role played by rivers for our survival hence their importance cannot be stated in just a few words.

Most often people don’t realize the impact that rivers have on the living world. It is because they keep on doing their work silently. They are the water bodies with which we have the closest relationship. It is very important to maintain a good bond, otherwise it will not hold back in showing its fierce face.

An Old American Indian Proverb says:

***Only when the last tree has died and the last river has been poisoned and the last fish being caught, will we realize we cannot eat money!***

River Ganga in that context has remained a source of pure freshwater and that of economic, spiritual and cultural activities since time immemorial and sustains thousands of aquatic species of flora and fauna.

More than 70 students actively participated in the Quiz competition. The quiz competition was moderated by Dr. Anand Mishra and Ms. Mohsina Khan.

The quiz not only enhanced students' knowledge towards River Ganga but it will also encourage them to learn more and more about the importance of RIVERS in our lives and for our planet Earth as a whole.

First, three-position holders are accounted as below:

**First      - Anushka Maurya (B.Sc MLT,Paramedical)**

**Second  - Azhar Mazhar (B.Sc (H), EVS)**

**Third    - Aman Kumar Gupta (BCA Ist year)**

Consolation:

**Sania Rizvi (M.Sc-EVS)**

**Karimullah (B.Sc-Optometry)**

