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Polluted environment: A serious threat to human existence

CEED and Patna University jointly organize a national seminar on environmental challenges

Patna, 21 March 2018: A two-day national seminar on 'Environmental Challenges: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Remediation' is being organized by the Centre for Environment and Energy Development (CEED) and the Department of Zoology, Patna University in the city today. The seminar aims to provide opportunities for discussion and deliberation to develop concrete action plans and remedial measures to resolve various environmental issues. Not just this, the discussion shall provide a platform to several research scholars, scientists, and academicians to showcase their research on issues related to the environment.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Ranbir Nandan, Hon'ble Member, Bihar Legislative Council, along with Prof. Rash Bihari Prasad Singh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Patna University; Padma Shri Prof. (Dr.) R.K. Sinha, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Nalanda Open University; Prof. Dolly Sinha, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Patna University; Mr. Ramapati Kumar, CEO, Centre for Environment and Energy Development (CEED); Prof. Tarit Roychowdhury, Director, School of Environmental Studies, Jadavpur University; Prof. P. Nath, Head, Department of Zoology, Patna University and Prof R. K. Prasad, Dean-Faculty, Science, Patna University. The inauguration ceremony was followed by the release of a souvenir. Dr. D. K. Paul, Professor, and Head, Department of Chemistry and Dr. P. K. Khan also presided over the function.

Speaking on the occasion the Chief Guest, Dr. Ranbir Nandan, Hon'ble Member, Bihar Legislative Council said, "Even as India races ahead to join the league of top economies internationally, it must stick to a growth path that is environmentally sustainable. Today we are faced with a number of environmental concerns, including air pollution, noisy environment, groundwater pollution, climate change, garbage disposal and sanitation, loss of biodiversity that have done damage that may be irreparable. As concerned citizens, we must pledge to reduce our pollution footprints by reducing our consumption patterns and thus, contribute towards a safe and healthy environment."

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Patna University, Prof. Rash Bihari Prasad Singh said, "Through the seminar we have managed to bring together academicians, scientists, researchers, civil societies, government agencies, students and experts from different parts of the country to discuss wide-ranging issues related to the current environmental challenges; their monitoring, assessment, and remediation. We wish to encourage dialogue and understanding between various stakeholders to address issues related to the environment."

Congratulating Patna University on the remarkable initiative, Mr. Ramapati Kumar, CEO, CEED said, "The knowledge exchanged at the seminar will definitely contribute towards dealing with present-day environmental issues. Today Patna, like other cities, is facing plenty of new and challenging environmental problems, including air pollution, water pollution, waste disposal, that need to be dealt with urgently. Through the seminar, we hope to come up with solutions and a way forward that will help mitigate Patna's environmental issues. The discussion will also hopefully set the tone for a better environmental situation and will help provide measures in technological, regulatory and economic spheres to deal with all kinds of pollution."

Out of the three technical sessions conducted during the first day of the programme, the issue of air pollution and water pollution were highlighted and it was followed by a cultural programme.

The seminar was well attended by several dignitaries, who raised their concern over the environmental issues existing not just at the local or national levels, but globally as well. In addition to local participants, the event managed to draw many national and international participants too.

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