

World Environment Day 2016

Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals

Climate Change Research Institute (CCRI) in a Social Responsibility Initiative organized an Awareness Workshop on the theme “Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals” on **World Environment Day 2016** jointly with IIC, New Delhi on June 7th 2016. It is one of the first such workshops held in India to focus on Goal 17 of SDGs.

Dr. Malti Goel, President & CEO, CCRI introduced the theme and said that we are committed to take actions for reducing carbon footprints by application of science & technology. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a vast canvas of activities. There are 17 SDGs proclaimed by United Nations with 169 sub-targets to be achieved by 2030. In this meeting the focus is on **SDG 17** i.e. on means to strengthen implementation of SDGs. In this context the topics Sustainable cities and urban areas covered in SDG 11 and Waste management & Natural Resource conservation covered in SDG 12 are being deliberated.

Prof. D.P. Agarwal, Chairman of the Governing Council of GCRI chaired the event. In his special address he laid emphasis on the importance of waste reduction and management as an important SDGs strategy. Associated with urban actions are issue of education, issue of poverty alleviation, issue of water consumption and others. Urban population is growing; smart city development is gigantic task before us. Technology for solid waste management should be adopted to reduce piles of waste getting collected. Planning for cities should be sustainable and green buildings constructed. He praised that a number of awareness workshops on Green and Sustainable Buildings have been organized by the Climate Change Research Institute since 2011.

Inaugural address on this day was delivered by **Dr. S.Y. Quraishi, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India** who highlighted the needs for reducing consumption and conservation of natural resources. He said water crisis is one of biggest threat looming before us. He advocated for taking planned actions in all walks of life. He also related the untiring efforts made by him in conservation of resources and cited examples of having regulations for reducing consumption during elections in terms of fuel consumption by reducing number of vehicles, reducing paper consumption and controlling noise pollution. Awareness has been largely missing in taking conservation measures. He cherished this initiative of the Institute on

World Environment Day and released the **Climate SAR on Green Buildings**, a **Bulletin** of the Institute to disseminate scientific facts among wider strata of Society.

Shri A. K Jain, Ex-Commissioner (Planning), DDA delivered the Guest Lecture on the **Sustainable Green and Smart Cities** on this occasion, which was well appreciated. Prof. Meenakshi Dhote, Head-Environment planning Division, (SPA) delivered the lecture on 'Urban & Environment Planning Strategies' for Implementation of SDGs. Dr. Dhote presented urban guidelines and how these can be converted to develop toolkits for sustainable development. Sumeet and Shailendra Singh, students of Masters in School of Planning & Architecture presented 'Strategies to enhance the ecosystem services of Asola' and 'Sustainability guidelines for planning of Rohtak' as SDGs initiatives.

Students and Environment Activists participated in large numbers in the interactive discussions.

Dr. Malti Goel profusely thanked the Chief Guest, eminent speakers and IIC. It was proposed to launch social media activities on '*SDGs are for Us*' to accelerate the progress in their implementation.