#### **Report on National Conference**

## Role of Science and Technology in Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Development (September 23-24, 2022)

### Organized by Department of Bio-Sciences, H.P. University, Shimla

Two days National Conference on "Role of Science and Technology in Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Development" sponsored by NITI Aayog, Govt. of India, New Delhi; Department of Environment, Science & Technology, Government of Himachal Pradesh; Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology and Environment (HIMCOSTE); H. P. State Biodiversity Board, Government of Himachal Pradesh and H. P. State Wetland Authority, Government of Himachal Pradesh was successfully organized in H.P. University by Department of Bio-Sciences on 23-24 September, 2022.

In these two days, there were 01 key note, 03 lead talks, 08 technical sessions, 03 oral sessions, 01 poster session and 01 virtual session. Approximately 450 (234 registered and 215 MSc students) participants attended the conference representing different fields of science from more than 10 states. All the participants interacted with each other, enjoyed the lectures, technical sessions as well as beautiful campus.

The conference was inaugurated by Chief Guest, **Prof. Jyoti Prakash**, Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor of the University, Guest of Honour and Key Note Speaker, Prof. R.C. Sobti, Guest of Honour, Prof. O.P. Agrawal and Guest of Honour, Dr. Bhavik Shwaney. Various eminent scientists, Prof. Jagbir Singh, Prof. S.S. Kanwar, Prof. Anand Sagar and others from various colleges/universities and institutes graced the event by their presence. Souvenir having 220 research abstracts and 9 popular articles was also released by the dignitaries.

Prof. Anand Sagar welcomed all the guests from different parts of the country. He briefly introduced the chief guest and guest of honour to the audience. His welcome address was followed by release of conference souvenir.

Prof. Jyoti Prakash, Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor stimulated the audiences with his very influential speech. He correlated our cultural heritage with scientific facts in a very interesting manner.

- Prof. R.C. Sobti delivered his key note address on Genetic and molecular basis of sustainable development. He discussed various scientific issues related to origin and evolution of life as well as human sustenance giving interesting examples of various related natural phenomena.
- Prof. O.P. Agarwal explained the impact of changing trends of human lifestyle on environment and sustainability. He emphasized on adoption of organic farming and suggested to prevent the use of plastic, unhealthy food and chemical fertilizers.

Prof. Jagbir Singh explained about the "Impact of Global Warming and Climate Change on Insects Pests and Vectors".

Then a highly informative and brainstorming talk was delivered by an eminent scientist Prof. S.S. Kanwar on "Xenobiotics: The Boon or Bane".

All the technical sessions were highly informative and interactive. Students actively participated in the technical as well as oral sessions and cleared their doubts and queries. Approximately, 40 researchers presented their research work in oral sessions. They were asked questions by the experts and other participants. Various suggestions were also made by experts to do better in their research work.

More than 90 researchers and students presented their work through poster presentation. The chairman of poster session evaluated the posters and interacted with the presenters. Healthy discussions took place between the experts and the presenters.

About 80 participants presented their research work through virtual mode. Their research findings were thoroughly discussed and analyzed by the experts.

Three young scientists awards, 02 best paper award in oral and 03 best paper in poster category were given awards.

H.P. University is thankful to **Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology and Environment (HIMCOSTE)** for providing funds to organize the conference. We thank the eminent faculties who came out of their hectic schedule and presented their findings before us. We are also thankful to the students, teaching and non-teaching staff who helped to make this event a successful one.

We also thank the participants from various institutes who came and presented their research work and made the event successful. We hope you might have enjoyed the lectures, food, accommodation and campus as well.

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## Inaugural Ceremony National Conference 23-24 Sept 2022







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A two-day national conference on the theme "Science, Technology, Environment vis-a-vis Sustainable Environment" concluded at the Department of Biosciences of the Himachal Pradesh University, Shimia. The valedictory event was presided over virtually by HPU Vice-Chancellor SP Bansal. Organising secretary of the conference Rajesh Kumar said about 300 participants attended the conference. More than 150 researchers presented their research work through oral, poster and virtual mode.	
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