

# Jawaharlal Nehru University

Press Note

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Under the aegis of JNU Nature and Wildlife, Cultural Committee and Inter-Hall Administration today organized an online program on World Environment Day on the topic: Revisiting Chipko Andolan in Covid Times: a tribute to Sunderlal Bahuguna ji. The theme of the discussion was “Ecosystem Reforestation”.

JNU Rector, Prof. R.P. Singh gave tribute to Sunderlal Bahuguna ji and narrated the story of his commitment towards environment. He expressed his concerns that the Earth is the single living planet and habitat for numerous species, which does experiment on eternal basis, therefore, the presevation of the nature and biodiversity should be given utmost importance.

Vice Chancellor of JNU, Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar applauded the youth of JNU who have time and again came forward to work for the nature. He expressed his concerns of India being the third largest consumer of energy in the world and motivated youths to think about out of the box designs which can help us to lead a sustainable life. He also emphasized on the role of renewable energy sources to reduce the carbon footprint.

Chief Guest of the Program, Sh. Gopal Arya, Akhil Bharatiya Paryavaran Sanrakshan Sanyojak spoke about 3 R's: Reset, Redefine lifestyle and Restart your life. He shared his valuable inputs out of his vast ground experience, how to be more conscious about the environment. He also emphasized on individual actions to challenge the climate change. The young environmentalist, Aarya Chhavda, 12 year old, who has written 6 books and some of them are recognized by UNESCO, shared her concerns over the climate change and how to repair the damage done to the environment. Nita Ganguly, a renowned environmentalist shared the biodiversity statistics and how we are losing the grip of it. She told that we need not to look enemies outside rather we ourselves are enemy to the environment.

Shubh Gupta, the student coordinator of JNU's Nature and Wildlife club expressed his gratitude towards JNU students who gave splendid response to the event and environmental causes. More than 250 students participated in the event and thereafter, an on-the-spot quiz competition on the theme was organized.



(Rana P. Singh)  
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