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**2-day International Conference on Literature, Environment and Climate Change
7-8 April 2022**

The Department of English and Public Relations, RGNUL, Punjab in collaboration with Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala and Assam Don Bosco University organised International Interdisciplinary Conference on "Literature, Environment and Climate Change". Prof (Dr) Adarsh Pal Vig, Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board, was the Chief Guest for the inaugural session. Dr. Prachi Kaul, Director, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute was the guest of honour on the event. Father Joseph Nellanatt was special guest. Prof (Dr.) Richard Pickard, Department of English, University of Victoria, Canada delivered the keynote address on "Teaching Places: Pedagogies for Eco-criticism, Ecological Grief, and Rage". Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL focused on the emerging discourse of environmental justice in the present times while addressing the audience.

Dr. Adarsh Pal Vig, Chairman, PPCB, delved into the factors responsible for environmental degradation. He emphasized that individual responsibility has a great role to play in improving the damaged ecosystem. "One must not get entangled in blame game but should contribute as an individual," Dr. Vig said. Talking about Indian culture and practices, he said that we have always worshipped Nature. "Nature worship, in fact, was a way to preserve and conserve the eco system," he observed. Dr. Vig said, "Environmental studies should always be a compulsory component of curriculum in higher education." He remarked, "Individual efforts should gain momentum to overcome a sclerotic state apparatus and the machinations of global corporations." Dr Navleen Multani, Assistant Professor and PRO, RGNUL Punjab while speaking about the vision of the conference accentuated the need to bolster will to effect a change.

Dr. Prachi Kaul spoke about the importance of pollution free environment for good health. Father Joseph Nellanatt, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Assam Don Bosco University talked about role of literature in raising eco-consciousness. Dr. Richard Pickard, University of Victoria, Canada



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deliberated on the climate change and pedagogy. "Teaching Places: Pedagogies for Eco-criticism, Ecological Grief and Rage" was the title of his talk.

Prof. Dipendu Das Dean, Assam University, Silchar; Prof. Nibir Ghosh UGC Emeritus Professor Chief Editor, Re-Markings; Prof. Eugene O' Brien Head, Department of English Language and Literature Director, the Mary Immaculate Institute for Irish Studies and Prof. Sanjukta Dasgupta, Convenor, Advisory Board Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi focussed on several environmental issues in their plenary talk. Dr. Tejinder Kaur, Professor of English, RIMT chaired the plenary session. Paper presenters from India and abroad voiced eco concerns of different regions in different technical sessions.

Prof. Desmond L Kharmawphlang Cultural & Creative Studies Department, North-Eastern Hill University Shillong; Prof. Angshuman Kar, Department of English, University of Burdwan, West Bengal; Dr. Elisabetta Marino Associate Professor, University of Tor Vega, Rome, Italy and Dr. Bootheina Majoul Associate Professors, High Institute of Languages of Tunis, University of Carthage also deliberated on several important issues pertaining environmental justice. Dr. Navleen Multani proposed vote of thanks.

The conference was organised on hybrid mode. 37 papers were presented in the online sessions. 127 online & 67 offline attendees from India and abroad participated in the conference. The sessions were moderated by Pranit Singh, Abhinav Pratap Singh Sachdeva, Namah Bose, Jasmine Mangat, Alankrita Sinha, Divisha Gora, Charvi and Abha Singhal.

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Two-day meet on literature, climate change concludes

PATIALA, APRIL 8

A two-day international interdisciplinary conference on literature, environment and climate change concluded here today. The Department of English and Public Relations, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), in collaboration with Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi, Punjab Pollution Control Board and Assam Don Bosco University, organised the meet.

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