

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2018
on the theme
“BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION”
in collaboration with WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Report on the Programme

The Department of Geography, Diamond Harbour Women’s University celebrated World Environment Day 2018 in Collaboration with West Bengal Pollution Control Board. To celebrate World Environment Day 2018 we planned a series of activities on **04.06.2018**, **29.06.2018** and **04.07.2018** for cleaning of the Ganga Riverfront by collecting different types of waste in separate sacks for recycling. A Plantation Programme was also organised and some saplings planted in the University campus. To make the local people aware about the harmful impact of plastic on environment our students distributed and displayed number of placards and posters along the Ganga riverfront. The Department of Geography organised a Seminar in Collaboration with West Bengal Pollution Control Board on the theme “**BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION**” on **12.04.2018** in the University Campus. The Hon’ble Vice Chancellor presented her inaugural speech in presence of Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board and Dr. Gokul Chandra Debnath, Scientist F, Indian Meteorological Department, Kolkata. Teachers, officers, students and non-teaching staff of the University were also present.

DAY 1 [04.06.2018]: CLEANING OF RIVER FRONT AT DIAMOND HARBOUR

The Department of Geography of Diamond Harbour Women’s University took an initiative to beat plastic pollution along the river front Ganga at Diamond Harbour, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal. To accomplish our initiative, we visited the river front of Ganga and cleaned the river front in association with Diamond Harbour Municipality. Not only that we aware the local people displaying placard and posters as well as interacting with them.



DAY 2 (12.04.2018): SPECIAL LECTURES ON THE THEME “BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION”.

In an attempt to celebrate **World Environment Day 2018**, the Department of Geography of Diamond Harbour Women’s University has organised a ‘**Special Lecture**’ on **12th June, 2018** at Conference hall, Academic Building, DHWU. The programme underwent with the active support of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board. The theme of the Special Lecture was **Plastic Pollution**”. Two eminent speakers were invited to enrich with their valuable speech on this occasion.

Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board gave a special lecture on **“Pollution of Ganga and Its Management”**. At the very first phase of his deliberation, Dr. Rudra highlighted on the importance of River Ganga in our day to day life. He then focussed on the course of the river. He has chalked out the causes of pollution of the river, how the quality of the water of Ganga is steadily deteriorating day by day. Not only that, Prof. Rudra also showed the percentages of various pollutants responsible for the pollution of the river. In the second part of the lecture, he assessed the management scenario of the pollution of the river.

He reckoned some management strategies to combat pollution of the river. The simple way of speaking was very appealing to the members present over there.



Dr. Gokul Chandra Debnath, Scientist F, Indian Meteorological Department, Kolkata shared his views on “**Disaster and its Impact on Environment**’. At the very outset, he made the audience realise the subtle differences between Environmental Stress, Hazards and Disasters. The types of disasters along with their spatial coverages were also focussed in his lecture. Dr. Debnath elaborately securitised the causes of disasters, the sources of energy, the origin and development of cyclones, super cyclones, tropical cyclones, Thunderstorms, Hurricanes, Heat Waves, Cold Waves etc. in a very comprehensive manner. He also discussed on the Climatic Hazards of South Bengal. The impact of Disasters on the environment were also assessed in detail by the eminent speaker. Last but not the least, Dr. Debnath mentioned the ways as to what could be done during disaster so that its harmful effects could be minimised.



As a part of the World Environment Day, the department of Geography in collaboration with West Bengal Pollution Control Board organised **Poster Competition** on ‘**Beat Plastic Pollution**’ and ‘**Plantation Programme**’ and a **Cultural Programme** on ‘**Save Tree Save Earth**’.



DAY 3 [29.06.2018]: CLEANING AND AWARENESS ON PLASTIC POLLUTION OF THE RIVER FRONT AT DIAMOND HARBOUR

On 29.06.2018, we again visited the river front of the Ganga at Diamond Harbour to make aware the local people about the destructive impact of plastic on riverine environment and to clean the river front. All the students and teachers of the Department of Geography participated in the cleaning programme. We all aware the people about the plastic pollution and its hazardous consequences on environment.

