

Activity Report

CUPB organized three-day “Blue-Planet” Webinar Series in connection to World Ocean Day

9th June 2020, Bathinda: Under the patronage of honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof R.K. Kohli, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda (CUPB) successfully organized three-day Webinar Series named “Blue-Planet” in connection to World Ocean Day from 7th to 9th June 2020. CUPB’s Dept. of Geology, and Dept. of Botany jointly conducted this programme. The objective of this Online Workshop is to sensitise students & researchers about the importance of Ocean and to educate them about the theme of UN World Oceans day 2020 - Innovation for a sustainable ocean. This Webinar Series included 7 sessions with reputed scientists and researcher from all over the world. The Chief Guest of the Inaugural and Valedictory Ceremony was Dr. Mahesh Kumar (Ex–Chairperson, INYAS, & Associate Prof. IIT Jodhpur), and Dr Chandra Shekhar Sharma, Present Chairperson, INYAS, & Associate Professor, IIT Hyderabad). Prof Anjana Munshi, Dean Research, CUPB and Prof Ramakrishna Wusurika, Dean, School of International Studies, CUPB also joined the concluding session as the special guest. Nearly 1700 participants registered for this webinar and marked their attendance from different countries across the World.

Dr Jitendra Kumar Pattanaik, HoD, Department of Geology, and Programme Coordinator, informed that the speakers of this webinar series are eminent International Scientists / Researchers and their names are as follows: Dr. Rajeev

Saraswat (Principal Scientist, National Institute of Oceanography, Goa), Dr. Prabhu Prasad Das (Amity University, Gurugram), Dr. Shrikumar Suryanarayana, (MD, Sea 6 Energy Pvt Ltd), Dr Matt Davey (University of Cambridge, UK), Dr. Kunal Chakraborty (Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services, Hyderabad), Dr. A Fricke (Germany), and Dr. Nuncio Murukesh (National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, Goa). He added the topics discussed during this webinar

series were: Importance of oceans in climate change studies. Sea Water

Intrusion in the coastal environment, Sea agriculture for sustainable production of biomass, Antarctic snow algae blooms, Role of Data Science & Tech in making our life easier at sea, Benthic Algae, and Arctic Ocean amidst Climate Change. He mentioned, during the interactive sessions, guest speakers gave appropriate answers to the questions asked by participants. He thanked Dr Felix Bast (Co-Coordinator), Dr. K. Krishnakanta Singh, Dr Puneeta Pandey, and Dr. K. Milankumar sharma for making this event a huge success.



Screenshot of concluding session of Blue Planet Webinar Series