

Every Drop Counts: SBS University Celebrates World Water Day with Action and Awareness



Sardar Bhagwan Singh University (SBSU) commemorated World Water Day with a series of meaningful events dedicated to raising awareness about water conservation and sustainable management. The theme for this year, "Glacier Preservation", highlighted the critical role glaciers play in maintaining the global water cycle and emphasized the need for their protection. Dr. Gaurav Deep Singh, President, SBSU greeted all on the occasion, expressing his concerns over the challenges being faced by humanity on account of the growing water crisis. The event commenced with an inaugural address by Prof. (Dr.) J. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of SBSU, who underscored the importance of water conservation. "Water is life, and it is our collective responsibility to protect it. Through these initiatives, we aim to educate and empower our students to be responsible water stewards," he stated.

Dr. M. Muruganandam, Principal Scientist and Officer-In-Charge of the PME Cell at ICAR-IISWC, Dehradun, delivered an expert talk, sharing insights on sustainable water management and glacier preservation. Stressing the urgency of adopting rainwater harvesting, wastewater treatment, and responsible consumption practices, he remarked: "Water scarcity is not just a future problem; it is a crisis we are already facing. Sustainable solutions, scientific innovation, and public participation are key to ensuring water security for the coming generations."

A key highlight of the day was a Poster Competition centered on the theme of "Glacier Preservation". Students from various departments participated enthusiastically, using artistic expression to convey their ideas on protecting glaciers and conserving water. Their posters illustrated the alarming effects of climate change on glaciers and offered solutions for a water-secure future. A panel comprising faculty members and environmental experts evaluated the entries based on creativity, message clarity, and impact. First prize was bagged by



Prathivya Parashar & Mehak Rautela (B.Sc. Microbiology 4th Semester), Second by Riya Bhardwa j& Renu Kumari(B.Sc. Microbiology 2ndSemester), and third place was secured by Bhairavi (B.P.T. 7th Semester). The winners were awarded with certificates, recognizing their outstanding contributions to spreading awareness about water sustainability.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Deepa Mishra Thapliyal, who expressed appreciation to all participants, organizers, and the distinguished guest speaker, Dr. Muruganandam, for his enlightening session. She also praised the students' enthusiastic participation, highlighting their dedication to the cause of water conservation.

The celebration was graced by the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Deepak Sahani, Registrar; Prof. Maneesh Aroa, Dean Student Welfare; Ms.Urmi Chaurasia, Controller of Examination; Mr.Vipin Jain, Deputy Registrar (HR & Liaison); Lt. Col. R. P. Jugran (Retd.), Deputy Registrar (Admin); and Prof. (Dr.) Veerma Ram, Director of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences & Technology. Faculty members and in-charges from various departments also participated, making the event a resounding success.

SBS University's World Water Day celebration served as a powerful reminder that "Every Drop Counts" and that collective action is crucial to ensuring the preservation of our planet's precious water resources for future generations.