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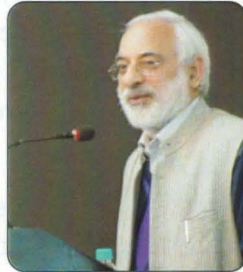
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## Messages

World Environment Day (WED) is the outcome of the UN sponsored first major 'Conference on Human Environment' popularly known as the Stockholm conference held from June 5-16, 1972. It is celebrated on 5th June every year since 1974. It has turned out to be one of the most important instrument of driving change for the 'Love of Nature' and saving 'Mother Nature' through public outreach, raising awareness levels, generating political momentum, and spearheading environment protection action plan.

Since 1987, every Environment Day has a different host country and a different environment friendly key topic. This time, India is a global host, and the theme is "Beating Plastic Pollution", highlighting that plastic use has become one of the serious environmental challenges. This theme is especially important for India given the fact that the country generates around 5.6 million tonnes per annum (TPA). That amounts to 15342 tonnes per day of plastic waste of which, above one-third remains un-collected and littered, out of the estimated production of 12 million tonnes.

It is now well acknowledged that plastic waste production, its consumption, disposal and management through unskilled recycling, and processing given the indiscriminate littering of plastics and its non-biodegradability features have serious environmental issues. These relate to toxic fugitive emissions, land infertility, choking and clogging of sewerage/drainage systems and the use of scarce natural resources, which affect the liveable human and non-human lives. The Government of India (GoI) has taken many measures to regulate the plastic production, its usage and recycling. Still India has to do everything possible in a timely manner to curb plastic before the situation goes out of hand and the health of our future generations is endangered. On this occasion of WED, India is organizing many activities at the national level to make the people aware about the ills of plastic use and pollution created by it along with the measures required to curb it.

I am happy to record that our College has taken a lead by acceding a request from Environment and Social Development Association (ESDA) to collaborate along with CSIR- National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) and National Environmental Science Academy (NESAC), to organize a two-day National Conference on **Environmental Challenges for 'New India'** on 2nd-3rd June 2018. I am sure, this Conference would serve as an active platform for generating ideas, spreading mass awareness among different stakeholders particularly the young students.

I take this opportunity to thank all the distinguished guests, expert speakers, research scholars and students for their participation in our National Conference on the eve of celebration of World Environment Day 2018. I also thank our collaborators who chose us as their partner to hold such a conference. We appreciate their cooperation in all respects. Our College teams led by Dr. S.S. Chawla, Dr. Monica Ahlawat, Dr. Arvind Kumar Yadav, Dr. Jitendra Kumar Nagar, Dr. P.K. Singh, Dr. R.P. Dwivedi, Dr. Sarla Bhardwaj, Dr. D.K. Pandeya, Dr. R.N. Dubey, Dr. Kumar Manish and Ms. Sonam Dutta deserve sincere thanks for constantly and untiringly working for such a long period for the smooth conduct of this conference. I also request all the staff and students to support such a noble cause.

With Best Wishes,



**Dr. G.K. Arora, Principal**

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