Report on Global Issues, Local Solutions: Lessons from the Pandemic to Help Mitigate Climate Change

The Department of Environmental Science under the DBT Star College Scheme organized a webinar on "Global Issues, Local Solutions: Lessons from the Pandemic to Help Mitigate Climate Change" on the 3rd of December, 2021. Dr. H.H. Mohrmen, Environmental Activist, was the resource person during the webinar. A total of 61 students and 7 staff attended the webinar.

The welcome address was proposed by D. Suchiang who also briefly introduced the speaker to the attendees. The resource person, Dr. Mohrmen emphasized on the role of local people in combating both local and global issues. He also emphasized on the fact that in order to combat issues at the global level there is a need to find local and sustainable solutions to global problems. He spoke about the needs to promote indigenous activities to help solve problems at the local level. He further cited examples of how the pandemic has affected the people all over the world and how during this period the local, indigenous methods and activities for example, increasing food production at the local level for enhancing food security and food safety, will go a long way in helping us sustain during the times like the pandemic. Therefore, there is a need to promote new agricultural technologies and marketing techniques to small rural farms. Such indigenous methods and activities if promoted on a large scale will not only help to sustain but will also help to find solutions to problems locally as well as globally. Following the lecture a question and answer round was held whereby the resource person responded to all the queries posed by the students and staff alike. The webinar concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by E. Sumer.

