DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS K C DAS COMMERCE COLLEGE YEAR: 2020-21

Popular Talk on '*Ecosystem Restoration: Now or Never*' Organized by Department of Economics, K. C. Das Commerce College Date: 5th June, 2021 Platform: Google Meet Time 4.00 PM

Report on Popular Talk: A popular talk on '*Ecosystem Restoration: Now or Never*' was organized by the Department of Economics, on 5th June 2021, as a part of the World Environment Day celebration. The speaker of the event was Dr. Anamika Barua, Professor (Ecological Economics), Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati(IITG), India. The basic objective of this talk was to give an idea about what's going on in and around our ecosystem and at the same time to make aware about the relationship between ecosystem and our economy from economics, business and commercial point of view. The event started at 4:00 pm with the initial announcement of the event by the Organising Secretary, Dr. Upasana Chakravarty, HoD, Department of Economics. The event proceeded with the welcome address delivered by Dr. Hrishikesh Baruah, Principal followed by a speech by Dr. RunjunPhookun, Vice-Principal & IQAC Co-ordinator of the College. The speaker of the event Dr. Anamika Barua delivered a very informative and dynamic lecture on ecosystem restoration based on her specialization in the field and practical experience. Dr. Barua focused on the harm that the growth of human civilization has already caused to the environment, the instantaneous need of prevention, halt and reverse of the damage caused and how it be can moved from exploiting the nature to restoring it. She beautifully explained the interlinkage between the eco-system and the global-economy and how economic growth is occurring at the cost of irreversible environmental damage and the concept of 'uneconomicgrowth'. She also discussed the root of environmental issues, 'the sink problem' which ended up in pollution and climate change. Presenting her work on risk and vulnerability of climate change in India, she stated her concern as Assam falls among the 'High Vulnerability' States. She concluded the lecture by emphasising on the ways to bring back the world to a situation where welfare from the eco-system increases by following a sustainable path. The lecture was followed by an interactive session among the speaker and the participants including the students and the faculty members. The session was moderated by Dr. Ananta Pegu, Asstt. Professor, Department of Economics. The event was successfully concluded with vote of thanks by Ms. Nitu Moni Bora, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics.

