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### **Brief Report on One-Day National Seminar on “*Only One Earth: Our One Environment*” on 07.06.2022**

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This one-day national level seminar was intended to celebrate World Environment Day (WED), 2022. Another objective of this special occasion was to disseminate the knowledge of the different aspects of environment degradation and new research initiatives on environmental issues among the faculties, research scholars and students, and to spark up our responsibility to save the **Only One Earth**. NSOU being a premier State Open University (accredited by NAAC with grade “A”) grabbed the opportunity to conduct such a National Level Seminar for the first time to celebrate World Environment Day. The School of Sciences (SoSci), NSOU, spreading the scientific knowledge throughout every corner of the state for more than two decades, conducted the programme on 7th June 2022 in the Subhas Chandra Sabhaghar (7<sup>th</sup> Floor), NSOU HQ, Salt Lake, Kolkata to share knowledge and to raise awareness to save our mother earth. The Seminar started at 12:30 pm and continued till 05.30 pm with lectures and deliberations on new research findings by the experts and participants.

Around 50 participants (33 from outside) from a different institution and School of Sciences, NSOU which includes faculties, research scholars and students participated in the programme. Around 23 research areas were presented by posters in this seminar. Mr. Niladri Sekhar Mondal, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Dr. Bibhas Guha, Associate Professor of Zoology, NSOU acted as organizing secretaries of the Seminar. Dr. Guha delivered the welcome address and he introduced Dr. Punarbasu Chaudhuri, the invited speaker of the seminar at the outset. Then Prof. Kajal De, Director, School of Sciences, NSOU and the chairperson of the seminar conveyed the objectives of the programme highlighting some of the environmental issues with grave concern. Some saplings were gifted to the speaker and other dignitaries as a mark of WED. Next, the invited speaker of the seminar, Dr. Punarbasu Chaudhuri, a faculty in the



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Department of Environmental Science, University of Calcutta and also a Member of the 39<sup>th</sup> Indian Expedition to Antarctica in 2019-20, shared his thoughts and valuable experiences with the audience. While addressing the participants he shared his incredible experience and interesting research finding gathered from the Antarctica expedition. Participants visualized the livelihood of this extreme environment as well as a beautiful night with Aurora and Milky Way. He also encouraged participating researchers with the route map for Antarctic research. Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar, Honourable Vice-Chancellor, NSOU delivered the presidential address. Mr. Niladri Sekhar Mondal, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science proposed the Vote of Thanks at the end of the inaugural session.

The second session, namely, poster presentation session was conducted and evaluated by three of our eminent senior faculties namely, Prof.Samit Ray, Department of Botany, NSOU, Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Department of Zoology, NSOU and Dr. Sanjay Roy, Department of Chemistry, NSOU. They evaluated 23 posters represented by 25 participants from different universities and colleges. Mr Mainak Mukherjee, Research Scholar, Dept. of Zoology, University of Calcutta was selected and awarded the best poster presenter of this session.

The programme witnessed huge participation and discussion during the sessions. There was an exchange of ideas and thoughts between the participants and the speakers. The clouds of misconception and confusion were cleared. The academic boost and an encouraging spirit to take care and nourish our mother earth/ only one earth were successfully instilled among all the participants. This programme encouraged all the participants to get involved in the mitigation of environmental issues in conjunction with remedial environmental research in the near future. The programme concluded with the distribution of certificates to all the enthusiastic participants.

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