



BE PART OF THE PLAN
International Day
for Biodiversity
2024



Celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity - 2024 (22nd May, 2024)

Haryana Biodiversity Board commemorated International Day of Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2024 at GNK group of Institutions, Yamuna Nagar. The event saw enthusiastic participation by the students and faculty from all the three colleges under the aegis of GNK Group of Institutions ie Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Guru Gobind Singh College of Pharmacy, and Guru Nanak Khalsa Institute of Technology and Management.

The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Ms. Vasvi Tyagi, Chief Conservator of Forests, Ambala and Guest of Honour Dr Virender Singh Gill, Divisional Forest Officer Yamunanagar. The event witnesses a plethora of activities including a Morning Awareness Rally, Poster Making Competition, Slogan Writing Competition in addition to captivating skits and mime performances by students of GNK Group.

Dr Peer Ghulam Nabi, Chief Executive Officer of GNK Group of Institutions, in his inaugural address, stressed that society and state have a responsibility towards future generations. Therefore, ecological preservation has to be central to the development agenda. He urged everyone to take active participation in preserving biodiversity.

In her 30- minute talk, Ms Tyagi emphasized the critical role of biodiversity conservation in sustainable development. Ms. Tyagi said told that till 1830 Haryana was rich in biodiversity with lions, tigers and leopards finding a common habitat in Hisar forests . It's during the colonial rule that these species disappeared as British destroyed forests in the name of development. She asked participants to reclaim Haryana's past by making it a biodiversity rich region again. She also brought out that India has about 27 trees per person, but needs 1050 more trees to be planted by each citizen on order to reverse the effects of climate change.

Dr Virender Singh Gill, DFO threw light on the initiatives taken by the government to save the mother earth.

Mrs. Sayyam Maratha, Head CSR Jamna Auto Industries, expressed the company's commitment to environmental sustainability. She presented a detailed account of Jamna Auto's contribution towards ecological preservation.

Three award-winning organic farmers Mr. Dharamveer Kamboj, Tarun and Ammar Ahmad explained their journey of becoming organic farmers. All the three farmers were felicitated at the event.

In his message, that was read out in the function, Sardar Randeep Singh Jauhar, Chairman Haryana Biodiversity Board commended the efforts of the students in making the commitment to be brand ambassadors in raising awareness about biodiversity conservation. and "be part of the plan", which is the theme for this year.

Among others, Haryana State Biodiversity staff, Vice President GNK Group of Institutions Major Rajinder Singh Bhatti, Principals of 3 colleges ie Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Dr. Harinder Singh Kang, Principal Guru Gobind Singh College of Pharmacy, Dr. Kumar Gaurav, Director GNKITM Dr. Amit Joshi, Consultant Jamna Auto Mr. Vikram Pal, and senior faculty members of GNK Group and civil society representatives attended the mega function.

At the end pledge was taken by all present to plant 1050 trees in their lifetimes. The celebrations ended with singing of National Anthem by all.