

Celebration of World Habitat Day - 2014.

The World Habitat Day – 2014, was celebrated on the 3rd October 2014, in the Seminar Hall of Regional Centre National Afforestation and Ecodevelopment Board , Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

Over 37 participants attended the celebration which included students, engineers, eminent academicians and international guests. The theme of the workshop was Urban Mobility. The occasion was graced by the presence of Mr. Palermo Michele, Visiting Scientist, University of Pisa, Italy. Sri Asis Mazumdar, Coordinator, Regional Centre, NAEB (MoEF, GoI), Jadavpur University, Kolkata welcomed the guests and participants.

Prof. Asis Mazumdar elaborated on the system of transportation in Kolkata city . He further spoke about how transportation adds to global warming phenomenon, energy utilization and its linkages to human securities. He also laid focus on what role can the students and other individual play to ensure less amount of emission of GHG(Green House Gases). Further one of the student Ms. Konica presented her work on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan. She explained the main objective of such a plan is to create a sustainable urban transportation system which address accessibility to all, improved security and safety to all its users, minimizes pollution and energy consumption levels, improve efficiency and cost effectiveness and finally enhance attractiveness and quality of the urban environment. Mr. Palermo Michele, elaborated further on how transportation system in developed countries like Italy and Sweden operate. He emphasized that every individual and organization remain responsible for their role in enhancing the urban environment and not polluting. He said there are rewards and punishments inbuilt in the system to award the responsible individuals and penalize the guilty.

On the basis of the above deliberations extempore presentations were made by many other students of School of Water Resource Engineering on Sustainable Urban Mobility, which was highly appreciated by all. To conclude Dr. Sanjay Bala, Sr. Scientist conveyed profuse thanks to all the guests and participants for their significant contribution and declared the programme as closed.



