

Youth Forum Event

organized by

JK Chapter of Himalayan Knowledge Network

A 'Youth Forum Event' under the aegis of JK Chapter of Himalayan Knowledge Network was organized on 22nd August 2022. About 100 students from different institutions of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir participated in the event besides research scholars, faculty members, scientists and the members of civil society. The event was inaugurated by **Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir** who appreciated the initiative of Himalayan Knowledge Network and underscored the need for joint efforts for sustainable development of the Indian Himalayan Region with the active involvement of youth. Other dignitaries on inaugural function were Dean Research, Registrar, Deans' of various schools, faculty members from various institutions. The objectives of the event and HKN were shared with all the participants.



A debate and a painting competition was held on this occasion in which large number of youth participated. The themes for competitions were the same that have been identified through a consultative process for the JK chapter.

Debate	Painting
Water Resources: Current status and sustainable management	Biodiversity: Current status, conservation and sustainable utilization

The best performances in both debate and painting competition were judged by the experts and best three performances in each competition were awarded cash prizes.



A view of inaugural function



Youth engrossed in the event



Students participating in the painting competition



Best performers with awards and certificates

جموں و کشمیر کے نوجوان موسمیاتی تبدیلی کے رہنما بن سکتے ہیں / وائس چانسلر

ہمالین نالج نیٹ ورک اقدام کے تحت یوتھ فورم کے قیام کے پروگرام کا افتتاح



وزارت ماحولیات، جنگلات اور آب و ہوا کے زیر اہتمام پیشکش مشن آن ہمالین اسٹڈیز کے تعاون سے منعقد کیا گیا تھا۔ اسے صدارتی خطاب میں پروفیسر نیلوفر نے کہا کہ کوئی بھی علمی یا تحقیقی سرگرمی طلبہ اور نوجوانوں کی شمولیت سے ناممکن ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا، "یہ ہمارے نوجوانوں کے خیالات ہیں کہ ہمیں، ادارہ جاتی سطح پر،

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سری نگر / کشمیر یونیورسٹی کی وائس چانسلر پروفیسر نیلوفر خان نے پیر کو جموں و کشمیر میں یوتھ فورم کے قیام کے لیے منعقدہ ایک پروگرام کا افتتاح کیا جو ہندوستانی ہمالیائی خطے (IHR) میں پائیدار ترقی کے اہداف کو حاصل کرے گا۔ اس پروگرام کا اہتمام ہمالین نالج نیٹ ورک (HKN) کے (HKN) جے & کے ایچ پی نے کیا تھا، جو کہ National G.B. Pant Himalayan of Institute Environment Uttarakhand کے تعاون سے،

بن سکتے ہیں تاکہ اس "توجیح ترمیم" کو حاصل کیا جاسکے جسے HKN جیسے اقدامات کا مقصد پورا کرتا ہے

چاہیے۔ " انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ اپنی صلاحیتوں کو دیکھتے ہوئے، نوجوانوں، جموں اور کشمیر میں موسمیاتی تبدیلی کے رہنما

ہندوستانی ہمالیائی خطے میں ماحولیات کے تحفظ سے متعلق اہم مسائل پر بہتر پالیسی سازی کے لیے فائدہ اٹھانا

J&K youth can become climate change leaders: KU VC

Inaugurates programme to establish Youth Forum under Himalayan Knowledge Network initiative

SRINAGAR: Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofer Khan on Monday inaugurated a programme organised to establish a Youth Forum in Jammu and Kashmir that would pursue the goals of sustainable development in the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR).

The programme was organised by J&K Chapter of Himalayan Knowledge Network (HKN), an initiative coordinated by G.B.Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Uttarakhand, with the support from National Mission on Himalayan Studies, under the aegis of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

In her presidential address, Prof Nilofer said any academic or research activity is incomplete with the involvement of students and youth.

"It is the ideas from our youth that we, at the institutional level, must cash in on for better policy formulation on critical issues concerning the environment conservation in the Indian Himalayan



Region," she said, adding that given their potential, the youth from Jammu and Kashmir can become future climate change leaders to realise the "wider mandate" that initiatives like HKN aim to fulfill.

Dean Research KU Prof Irshad A Nawchoo and Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir also shared the dais as special guests and highlighted how student-driven programmes can bring about a discernible change at grassroots by going into commu-

nities to raise awareness on environment conservation and related issues.

Nodal person for J&K Chapter of HKN, Prof Zafar A Reshi—the chief coordinator of the programme—said the Youth Forum initiative aims to make youth of J&K UT active partners in programmes, policies and decision-making related to sustainable development in accordance with the emphasis laid by Niti Aayog for sustainable develop-

ment in the IHR.

He said the J&K Chapter of HKN has identified two key areas, including water resources management and biodiversity conservation, to engage youth and address the related issues and concerns.

"The idea is to listen to youth, their perceptions, choices and needs related to environment and incorporate the same in policy formulation," Prof Reshi said in his welcome address.

Prof Zahoor A Kaloo, Head Department of Botany also spoke on the occasion, while Prof Manzoor A Shah, Director DIQA, conducted proceedings of the event and also delivered a vote of thanks.

Post-inaugural session, the HKN held a poster and painting competitions on Water Resources Management and Biodiversity, respectively, in collaboration with the Department of Students' Welfare. The competitions saw active involvement of students from within and outside the University. Cultural Officer KU Shahid Ali Khan coordinated the competitions.

Press coverage of the event