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PRESS RELEASE

Delhi University efforts to save Himalayas

Himalayas is in danger. There is a Himalayan crisis as landslides, cloud bursts, unusual floods have become more frequent and common during the recent years. People living in different parts of Himalayas are facing hardships. This is the time for collective actions to save Himalayas and Himalayan people, said Padmashri and Padma Bhusan Awardee and renowned environmentalist Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi while addressing a large number of people from across the country in a webinar entitled “**Himalayan Future: Beyond 2050**”. Mr. Sonam Wangchuk engineer, innovator and the man behind ice stupa and artificial glaciers from Ladakh echoed the sentiments of Dr. Anil Joshi. He stated that in coming years the defense will not be against any other army or country but greater danger in the form of climate change is lurking, for which we need to get our acts together. The impact of climate change in the next 20 -30 years may result into lake burst which can be avoided with human intervention, for which Research and Development needs to be dedicated to this issue.

Prof. P.C. Joshi, Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi gave a clarion call to people across the country to join hands to save Himalayas. Prof. Joshi said University of Delhi is concerned and serious about the issues of Himalayas. Therefore, University of Delhi has established a **Centre for Himalayan Studies** in the campus to study and do research on all aspects of Himalayas on top most priority. Very soon we will set up a Himalayan Museum in the campus. All necessary help will be extended from the University. Professor Dinabandhu Sahoo, Founder Director , Centre for Himalayan Studies, University of Delhi and a former Director of Institute of Bio-resources and Sustainable Development (IBSD) Government of India at North East said we need to protect and preserve the Himalayan Bio-resources as well as the unique culture of the region. Himalayan Centre will work in collaboration with various National and International organization as well as with the people at the grass root level in different Himalayan states.

Dr. Anil Joshi argued that the narratives must shift from economic activity to environment activity. Local community are the saviors of the Himalaya, but they have of late become the sufferer as well. Not only there is economic disparity but also ecological disparity too.

Dr. Anil Joshi and Mr. Sonam Wangchuk lauded the efforts of Delhi University for setting up of the Himalayan Centre and agreed to extend all possible help. Dr. Sonam Jolden In charge of Centre for Himalayan and Trans Himalayan Studies, University of Ladakh thanked Delhi University for such collaboration between Delhi University and University of Ladakh. It is pertinent to mention that Delhi University has a signed a MOU with University of Ladakh recently.

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