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### Press Note

A One Day National Seminar on “**Biodiversity and Climate Change: Challenges and Prospects**” was organised by **Department of Environmental Science, Government Sheikh-ul- Alam Memorial Degree College, Budgam** on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. Congregation of Scientists, Academicians, Scholars and Students from within and outside state participated in the seminar which was aimed to find a solution to this pressing problem. The Seminar aimed to demonstrate the linkages between Biodiversity and Climate Change and stimulated new ideas and approaches for future research in this regard. The Inaugural session started at 10:30 AM and was presided by the Director Colleges, J&K, Prof. Zahoor A Chat. The other dignitaries present on the occasion were Prof. Yaseen Ahmad Shah, Registrar Cluster University Srinagar, Prof Ashwani Wangeno, Director Institute of Technology, Barkathula University, Bhopal, Prof. Yasmeen Ashai, Nodal Officer Kashmir Division Colleges and Prof. Rafiya Rashid, Principal SAM Degree College Budgam. In her welcome address, the worthy Principal of the college appreciated the concern and enthusiastic participation shown by the various dignitaries, academicians and scholars from across the country. The inaugural Speech was given by Prof. Yaseen Ahmad Shah in which he pointed to the devastation caused by the anthropogenic factors as witnessed by the Kashmir Valley during 2014 floods. The Keynote address was delivered by Prof. Ashwani Wageno in which he stressed the need for critical understanding of human development in interaction with environment. While delivering the presidential address Prof. Zahoor Ahmad Chatt talked about the need for global collective action towards preserving the Environment. The inaugural session ended with the Vote of thanks proposed by organizing secretary, Dr Javid A Parray. The Plenary session started at 12.30 PM and was chaired by **Prof**

**YasmeenAshai.** The plenary lectures were delivered by noted speakers, Prof Ashwani Wangeno (Barkathaula University), Prof. Bashir A. Ganai (Kashmir University), Dr. Amjad M Husaini (SKUAST-K) who deliberated on different aspects pertaining to the theme of the seminar. During the day we had four technical sessions comprising of three oral and one poster presentation sessions wherein 50 oral and above 100 poster presentations pertaining to the theme were made. An expert panel of chairpersons including Prof. Ganai, Prof. Wangeno and Dr. Hussaini evaluated the oral presentations. Likewise a panel of Judges including Prof. Abdul Hai Shah, from Amar Singh College Srinagar, Prof Showkat Ara from SKUAST –K and Prof. Kouser Bhat from Women College MA Road Srinagar adjudged poster session. Six presentations in all were adjudged as best among the participants. The seminar concluded with the valedictory function and chief guest of occasion was an Expert member of Green Tribunal, New Delhi, Former Dean Academic affairs, Director CORD and Head Department of Env. Science, University of Kashmir, **Prof. A.R. Yousuf** who deliberated upon critical role of individuals for environmental protection. **Dr. Javid A Parray** submitted the seminar report and recommendations. Prof. Syed Mohd Shah, Staff secretary of the College proposed vote of thanks at the end. The proceedings of the seminar were moderated by **Prof. Musharaf Rehman**, Department of Zoology, SAM Degree College, Budgam. The **IQAC** and the **NSS** volunteers of the college played the prominent role in organizing the event.

