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*Curing The Ailing Planet : Talk On "From Environmental Challenge To Sustainable Opportunities" Organized At GCU*



AZARA, March 29: An expert talk on the topic "From Environmental Challenge to Sustainable Opportunities" was organized by the Institution's Innovation Council of Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU) in the afternoon of 28 March 2023 at the Azara campus of the University. The resource person for the session was Dr. Pranab J. Patar, Chief Executive of Global Foundation, which is a Delhi-based Indo-US Environmental Organization; and an award-winning Environment Executive, Social Innovator, Researcher and Speaker. The session was attended by the faculty members and students of the university.



Dr. Pranab J. Patar in the midst of his talk.



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*Mandeep Sarma of the Dept. Of English, served as the moderator.*

Prior to the commencement of the talk session, Dr. Patar was felicitated by Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, the Honourable Chancellor of GCU, with a Phulam Gamusa and a memento. Prof. Buragohain also urged the attendees, especially the students, to take careful notes of the information being disseminated in the talk session because, as emphasized by him, productive brainstorming and achievement of concrete results is the need of the hour to actualize the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

Post an introduction of the resource speaker by the moderator of the session, Dr. Patar made a presentation-based lecture on the topic of discussion. In the course of his resourceful talk, he deliberated upon the burning environmental issues like climate change that are required to be addressed on a war footing. He also particularly enunciated on Assam's perennial environmental predicaments like flood and erosion, and demonstrated effective and pragmatic measures that can be implemented to keep such ecological problems in check. He stressed on the urgent need for upcycling waste products.



*Showing the Statistics : Dr. Patar presented crucial data and figures related to environmental change.*



*The Emerging Empowered Citizens : Students of GCU listening with rapt attention.*



*The Faculty Members of GCU attended the talk session.*



*Dr. Snehal Kaushik, President of IIC, GCU and other members of the organizing committee along with Dr. Patar.*

In his presentation, he displayed and discussed several environment-related data and indices promulgated by important national and global organisations. Furthermore, he underscored the importance of integrating latest technological tools and innovative methods to tackle detrimental environmental changes, like the Miyawaki Method to create dense forests in an urban area within a short span of time.

The insightful lecture was followed by an interactive session where the students and the faculty members of the university asked questions and shared their innovative ideas to Dr. Patar, who offered some practical answers in return. The session concluded with a vote of thanks, where the moderator expressed his gratitude on behalf of GCU to Dr. Patar; and also to Dr. Snehal Kaushik, who is the President of the Institution's Innovation Council of GCU and an Associate Professor of the Department of Civil Engineering.