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Valedictory Function for Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) in River Life Management System (RLMS) on ETP/STP/CETP Operation & Maintenance

Patna 26 April, 2019. The Centre for Environment Energy and Climate Change (CEECC) at Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), a policy research think tank organized Valedictory Function for **Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP)** in River Life Management System (RLMS), course on **ETP/STP/CETP Operation & Maintenance** in collaboration with Bihar State Pollution Control Board (BSPCB) and Gujarat Cleaner Production Centre (GCPC) on April 26, 2019 at Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI) Patna. In the occasion, the trainees were certified by Shri Dipak Kumar Singh, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of Bihar.

The objective of the skill development training was to provide hands-on training, thereby building the capacity of the communities and create a resource pool of individuals, who reside within the 10km radius of the bank of the river Ganga stretch and at end this will envisage a chain movement for action based awareness and sensitization drive to tackle the Ganga river pollution.

The River Life Management System (RLMS) is a unique initiative of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, and Government of India to address the present situation of river pollution in the different stretches of rivers in India. With an ambitious target of Ganga river conservation and rejuvenation, the ministry has made CEECC at ADRI a nodal centre for designing and providing skill development training to the individuals of Bihar Ganga River Stretch. Through RLMS, CEECC in collaboration with BSPCB, GCPC, ZSI, WII, BNHS, FRI, etc. is going to conduct training in four different levels which are- ETP/STP/CETP Operations & Maintenance, Biodiversity, Dolphin Conservation & Aquaculture Management, Forest-based Enterprise and Alternative Livelihood Management, Ecotourism and Alternative Livelihood Management.

In the welcome address, Prabhat P Ghosh, Director of ADRI explained the relevance of the project and Environment issue in Bihar and world.

Abinash Mohanty, Director cum ENVIS Coordinator, CEECC, ADRI gave the context setting address by describing the background of Green Skill Development Programme and River Life Management System (RLMS) on ETP/STP/CETP Operation and Maintenance. He also mentioned the unique initiatives of MoEFCC to address River Ganga pollution and other modules of Green Skill Development Programmes, Aquaculture Management, Forest-based Enterprise, and Alternative Livelihood Management.

Ashok Kumar Ghosh, Chairman, BSPCB in his speech addressed the importance of this course and critical issue of different water species, solid waste management and loss of biodiversity. He also mentioned that every hospital should install ETP/STP.

Anandi Subramanian, IES, principal Advisor, MoEFCC addressed the trainee's through video messaging where she stated that the pioneers batch have a responsibility in hand to steer the environment conservation and river life management.

Shri Dipak Kumar Singh, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of Bihar addressed Eco-friendly development and its impact in conserving environment. He also mentioned E-waste generation and disposal plates and its effect in the water, and soil pollution.

Vivek Tejaswi, PO CEECC-ADRI delivered the vote of thanks to the Guests and trainees. Dr. Gopal Sharma, Dr. Sunita Lall, Dr. Bibha Kumari, other faculty members of ADRI and GSDP trainees were present at the function.

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