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Vidya Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751022

## SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/WEBINARS CONDUCTED BY DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

1. Event: Seminar

2. Title of the Event: Planet Pulse Lecture Series

**3. Date & Duration:** 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 (4 pm – 5:30 pm)

4. Objective/Motivation of the Event:

Climate change refers to long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns, mainly caused by human activities such as burning fossil fuels, deforestation, and industrial processes. These activities release large amounts of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere, trapping heat and disrupting the Earth's natural climate systems. The effects of climate change are already visible globally — rising sea levels, melting glaciers, unpredictable rainfall, more frequent heatwaves, and stronger storms. In India, climate change is leading to extreme weather events such as floods in Assam, heatwaves in northern states, and water shortages in major cities. Addressing climate change is no longer optional; it is a critical challenge that demands urgent action through policy, innovation, and collective responsibility.

The primary objective of this event is "Conversation on Conservation": to raise awareness and foster informed dialogue on the increasing impact of climate change and extreme weather events in India. As the country continues to experience more frequent and intense phenomena such as heatwaves, floods, cyclones, and droughts, there is an urgent need to understand their causes, consequences, and possible solutions. The seminar is a platform for researchers, policymakers, students, and community leaders to share insights and strategies through education and collaboration.

- **5. Theme of the Event:** Climate Change Science: Patterns, Projections, and Impacts on Indian Subcontinent Weather Systems.
- 6. Funding Agency:
- 7. Funds Received (In Rs.):
- 8. Technical Session (Details)
  - i. No. of Technical sessions conducted: 01
  - ii. Title of the Technical sessions: "Climate Change and Extreme Weather Events in India."
- **9. Chairperson of the technical session: Prof. Raj Kumar Joshi** (Head, Department of Biotechnology)
- **10. Resource persons (Details): Dr. Sandeep Pattnaik**, Associate Professor, School of Earth, Ocean and Climate Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar

#### 11. Participants Details (Indicate Numbers only)

i. Scientists/Faculty/Members of industry: 8

ii. Ph. D. Scholars: 15

iii. Students: 77

#### 12. Outcomes of the Event:

The first edition of the *Planet Pulse* lecture series, titled "Climate Change and Extreme Weather Events in India," was an enlightening and thought-provoking experience that brought together students, researchers, and climate enthusiasts. The session provided a comprehensive overview of how climate change is directly influencing the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events such as floods, heatwaves, droughts, and cyclones in various parts of India. Through engaging presentations and expert insights, the lecture explored the scientific mechanisms behind climate variability, highlighted regional vulnerabilities, and discussed the socio-economic implications of these changes. A key highlight of the session was the discussion on the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in climate modelling and early warning systems. AI-driven tools are increasingly being used to improve the accuracy of weather predictions, assess risk in real time, and support climate adaptation strategies. The lecture also addressed the domino effect of climate change—how one environmental disturbance can trigger a cascade of impacts across ecosystems, agriculture, health, and livelihoods, particularly in vulnerable communities. The event ended with concluding remarks by Prof. Raj Kumar Joshi about the urgent need for data-driven policy decisions, climate-resilient infrastructure, and grassroots awareness. Participants left with a deeper understanding of the critical role that education, innovation, and collective action play in tackling the climate crisis and preparing for future challenges.

#### 13. Recommendations (if any):

The organizing committee was very pleased with the overall execution of the event in a smooth and successful manner.

#### 14. Selected Photographs: Enclosed



Prof. Raj Kumar Joshi and Dr. Sandeep Pattnaik at the inaugural session of the first edition of the Planet Pulse lecture series on "Climate Change and Extreme Weather Events in India.



Dr. Sandeep Pattnaik engaging with the audience during his talk at the Planet Pulse lecture series.



Group photo of esteemed speaker with faculty members, research scholars and students.



Felicitation of esteemed speaker Dr. Sandeep Pattnaik by Prof. Raj Kumar Joshi, Prof. Sujata Mohanty, Dr Monalisa Mohanty and Dr. Sanjay Kumar Raul.

# DEPT. OF BIOTECHNOLOGY Planet Pulse lecture

Seminar

Date: 04/07/2025 Speaker: Dr. Sandeep Pattnaik

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