



INDIAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, SHIMLA

Press Release

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Sub: Press Release regarding Seminar organised on the theme of “Understanding Clouds” of World Metrological Day (WMO)-2017.

Indian Meteorological Society, Shimla organised a Seminar on the theme of WMO Day 2017 jointly with Meteorological Centre, India Meteorological Department, Shimla to create awareness about the tremendous importance of Clouds in scientific fields i.e. meteorology and in our daily life. Seminar was organised at CSDEC Auditorium, Institution of Engineers Building, Nigam Vihar, Shimla. Many school students participated enthusiastically in the competitions. Following events were organised during the seminar:

1. Quiz Competition on the theme of Meteorology and Allied sciences was organised, in which students of seven schools of Shimla city viz. DAV Public School, Lakkar Bazar, Chapslee School, Lakkar Bazar, GSSS, Portmore, GSSS, Boileuganj and Phagli, JCB School, New Shimla participated. Mr. Saurab Yachli of JCB Sr. Sec. School won the first prize in the quiz. Ms. Muskan Prasher of GSSS, Portmore and Ms Ritika Verma, DAV Lakkar Bazar won Second and third prize respectively.
2. Painting Competition on the theme of “**Clouds in Shimla**” was organised, in which students of seven schools of Shimla city viz. DAV Public School, Lakkar Bazar, Chapslee School, Lakkar Bazar, GSSS, Portmore, GSSS, Boileuganj and Phagli, JCB School, New Shimla participated. Mr. Modak Verma of DAV Lakkar Bazar Mr Lakhan of GSSS, Boileuganj, Mr Yash Kisan Sagar of DAV Lakkar Bazar stood First, Second and Third respectively in Painting Competition.
3. Exhibition on Meteorological Instruments was displayed by Meteorological Centre, Shimla for the students and delegates. Students were explained about Metrological Observatory and types of clouds.
4. In technical session, Seminar on the theme **Understanding Clouds** was organised which was attended by delegates from various departments and organizations and students and teachers from various schools and Universities. Sh. Manmohan Singh, Secretary IMS, Shimla and Director, Meteorological Centre, Shimla welcomed all the delegates and students and teachers to the seminar. Sh. Manmohan Singh also gave a presentation on weather services in Himachal Pradesh and explained about various cloud types and their importance in the seminar. Sh Manish Rai explained about the

metrological instruments and use of RADAR and satellites in meteorology. Dr Ravi Sharma, from Dept. of Env, Science and Technology explained the effect of climate change on bio diversity. Dr K. Pramanick from ICAR, Shimla highlighted the importance of weather parameters and cloud cover on the growth of fruit crops.

5. Dr. S P Bharadwaj, President of the IMS, Shimla encouraged students to participate in such seminars and also highlights te formation of clouds and their importance in agriculture and climate. Chief Guest of the occasion Er. Suneel Grover, Chairman of CSDEC, addressed the delegates and highlighted the relation between nature and motherland Earth. Er. Grover encouraged the students to maintain the harmony between nature and mother Earth and keep the environment clean. At the end, Dr. D D Sharma, Head of Geography Deptt, HP Univ, Shimla gave the concluding remarks of the session. Dr. D D Sharma thanked IMS Shimla team for the commendable work in organising the seminar and urged delegates to be part of the society. Dr. Sharma also gave the vote of thanks to all the present delegates and students and teachers.
6. The session ended with the distribution of Momentos and Certificates.to the winning students. Participation certificates were awarded to all the participants.

(Photos of the event are attached with the email)