REPORT ON QUIZ COMPETITION AND PUBLIC LECTURE ON OCCASION OF WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY, 23RD MARCH 2017



ORGANIZED BY INDIAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, BHUBANESWAR CHAPTER

In order to celebrate the "World Meteorological Day 2017" on 23rd March, the Indian Meteorological Society-Bhubaneswar Chapter had planned and executed several activities on the focal theme "Understanding Clouds" as detailed below:

CONDOLENCE

• Condolence meeting was held at MC, Bhubaneswar and SOA University campus in memory of Shri D. R. Sikka with Obituary Message and Silent Prayer.



Condolence Meet at Met. Centre, IMD, Bhubaneswar

QUIZ COMPETITION

- Quiz competition was organized by IMS-Bhubaneswar Ch. At met. Centre, Bhubaneswar premises on 23rd March 2017 in the morning session.
- Two groups have been formed. The Sr. Group comprised of scholars and students from degree colleges, engineering colleges, universities (Geography, Geology, Environmental Science etc) and IIT Bhubaneswar
- The Jr. Group comprised of student participants from different schools of Bhubaneswar from Class 9 to 12.
- 30 multiple choice questions were set for each group.
- The winners of Jr. Group are:
 - o 1st Prize: Akarsh Kumar Dash, SAI International School
 - o 2nd Prize: Sameer Kumar Patro, SAI International School
- The winners of Sr. Group are:
 - o 1st Prize: Manas Ranjan Mohanty, IIT-Bhubaneswar

Shyama Mohanty, IIT-Bhubaneswar

o 2nd Prize: Abhisek Sahu, ITER, SOA Univesrity

Amarnath Mohanty, ITER, SOA Univesrity Asit Animesh Nayak, ITER, SOA Univesrity M. M. Nagewar Rao, IIT-Bhubaneswar Madhusmita Swain, IIT-Bhubaneswar

The winners have been awarded at the Public Lecture at SOA University campus.



Quiz Competition at Met. Centre, Bhubaneswar

PUBLIC LECTURE

- In order to make the public understand "Clouds", a public lecture was organized in postlunch session at S O A University Campus Auditorium.
- The lecture was delivered by eminent climatologist Prof. U. C. Mohanty on "Understanding Clouds".
- The lecture was attended by 130 participants comprising IMS members, Faculties from universities/colleges, engineering/university students, media persons and school students.
- The eminent persons present were Prof. P. K. Sahu (Dean, ITER), Prof. Sanghamitra Mohanty (Persident, Odisha Bigyan Academy), all office bearers of IMS-Bhubaneswar Ch. (Dr. S. C. Sahu, Mr. P. K. Bal, Dr. Nihar Ranjan Das, Mr. R. K. Mohapatra, Mr. L. D. Mohapatra)
- A discussion session was held followed by lecture and then prizes of Quiz competition were distributed.



Public Lecture at S O A University Auditorium



Prof. U. C. Mohanty Delivering Public Lecture at S O A University Auditorium

DISTRIBUTION OF LEARNING MATERIALS

 The WMO leaflet on Understanding Clouds and Identifying Clouds had been printed and distributed amongst participants at MC, Bhubaneswar and SOA University campus program for dissemination of awareness regarding clouds and their role in weather making.

MEDIA COVERAGE

The media plays a vital role in disseminating scientific and technical knowledge and information regarding environmental conservation amongst the public and stake holders. In this program, the participation of local media persons was excellent and their coverage was widespread. The major local dailies including The Prameya Daily, The Sambad Daily, The Odisha Post Daily, The Indian Express Daily, The Dharitree Daily etc. have been represented in the workshop. The news paper clippings of some prominent coverage have been below.

World Meteorological Day celebrated

BHUBANESWAR: The World Meteorological Day was celebrated here on Thursday at the Meteorological Centre, Bhubaneswar.

This year's theme is Understanding Clouds. An exhibition of posters related to significant weather events such as Phailin, Hud Hud, thunderstorm phenomena, climate change and weather warning systems was hosted to mark the occasion.

Special Balloon was released at 11 am and meteorological parameters like air pressure, temperature, humidity and wind direction as well as wind speed data were collected up to about 37 kms height from surface.

Different meteorological documentary videos relating to climate change, sea breeze and tornado were shown on the occasion to students and visitors. Around 300 to 400 students visited the Meteorological Centre on the day. A quiz competition for college and school students was held and prizes were distributed.

Later, a lecture session was held at SOA University which was attended by Prof UC Mohanty of IIT, Bhubaneswar, Director of IMD, Bhubaneswar SC Sahu and Dean of ITER Prof PK Sahoo. Students of Utkal University, ITER, IIT and India Meteorological Society were present. ENS

The Indian Express, 24th March 2017



The Prameya Daily (Odia), 24th March 2017