Report on 'Vidnyan Dhara' lecture

Organizing Department/Committee: School of Physical and Applied Sciences (SPAS), Directorate of Higher Education, Goa State Higher education Council

Name of the Activity: 'Vidnyan Dhara' lecture

Date: 16th February 2023

Time: 10:30am to 12:00pm

Venue: Room AG-40, SPAS (Physics)

Details of participants: 76 Students of M.Sc. (Physics, Mathematics & Electronics)

Under 'Vidnyan Dhara' – A Mega Science Series organised by the Directorate of Higher education and the Goa State Higher Education Council, Govt. of Goa, lectures were organised in various Schools of Goa University from 13th to 17th February 2023. The School of Physical and Applied Sciences (SPAS) hosted a lecture under this series, on the topic "Himalayan Glacier Observation through Space" on 16th February 2023. The resource person for the lecture was Dr. Lavkush Kumar Patel (Scientist NCPOR).

During the lecture, the resource person touched upon the topics like expeditions he had done in the past along with his group to Himalayas, what are the different types of instrument and sensors used. He has shown lot of pictures and six minutes video of one of their expedition. He also showcased the glacier movement through different regions with respect to long, time intervals using different images taken by remote sensing satellites and processing softwares. He has shown the pictures taken by satellite CORONA of the Panjim taken in 1968 and in recent past i.e. 2018 and made us understand the different changes in the water bodies due to concretization of the Panjim and some parts of Goa. He has touched upon the reason behind the Uttarakhand natural disaster and tried to make us understand the role of Glacier melting and its consequences.

Abstract: Mountain glaciers are very sensitive to temperature and precipitation variations and most importantly, glaciers have raised a great deal of concern in terms of changes in glacier area, changes in thickness, mass balance and their impact on water resources, as well as the associated hazards. The contribution of glacial mass loss to global sea-level rise and the increasing number of glacier-related hazards are the most important and topical socioeconomic concerns. Therefore, understanding the dynamics of change and constant monitoring of glaciers are essential for studying climate, water resource management and hydropower, and for predicting and preventing glacier-related hazards. Recent advances in Earth observation techniques have proved a boon for the study of glaciers and glacier-related hazards. The remote sensing technology enables the extraction of glacier parameters such as albedo/reflection/scatter, glacier area, glacier zones and faces, equilibrium line, glacier thickness, volume, mass balance, velocity and glacier topography. This talk highlights the prospects of remote sensing technology for understanding and mapping glaciers formed in high, inaccessible mountains and glacial hazards.

The lecture was held in room AG-40, SPAS (School of Physical and Applied Sciences), Goa University from 10:30am to 12:00 pm. It was attended by Dean SPAS, Prof. Pai, Assoc. Prof. Jeevan, Dr. Narayan, Dr. Marlon Sequera, Dr. Aniket, Mr. Brandon and others which includes students of M.Sc. course.













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