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Science and training workshop on the theme “Climate Change over the High Mountains of Asia (HMA)”

08.10.2018; IITM Pune: The Centre for Climate Change Research (CCCR), IITM, the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), New Delhi, is jointly organizing a 5 days “Science and Training Workshop” during 8-12 October 2018 at IITM Pune, in association with Divecha Centre for Climate Change (DCCC), Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru and the Monsoon Asia Integrated Research for Sustainability - Future Earth (MAIRS-FE) at DCCC.

The workshop is inaugurated by Prof. V. K. Gaur, Honorary Emeritus Scientist CSIR, Fourth Paradigm Institute (Bengaluru), Prof. S.K. Satheesh, Chairman, Divecha Centre, IISc (Bengaluru), Prof Ravi Nanjundiah, Director, IITM (Pune) and Dr R. Krishnan, Executive Director, CCCR, IITM (Pune) on 8th Oct 2018.

Prof Ravi Nanjundiah, Director, IITM, welcomed the gathering and stressed the need to accept the fact that the climate change is happening now. Hence there is a need to gear up towards it through proper mitigation and adaptation measures through better forecasts (on the short, regional and seasonal scale), so that our disaster management authorities are better prepared for any eventualities which are likely to happen. Finally he remarked that this workshop is a step in the right direction to prepare ourselves towards the climate change impacts.

Prof. S.K. Satheesh, Chairman, Divecha Centre, IISc while elaborating the background of the Workshop mentioned that this workshop will provide a platform for the scientists and participants to promote networking and offer unique opportunities for collaborating research by sharing their research findings and future plans. The conference, consisting of thematic lectures by eminent scientists as well as hands on training, will be very beneficial for the participants.

In his inaugural talk, the Guest of Honour, Prof. V. K. Gaur, Honorary Emeritus Scientist CSIR, Fourth Paradigm Institute, Bengaluru shared his vast experience and insights about the climate impacts and vulnerability aspects over the Himalayan region. He emphasised on the restoration of degrading Himalayan ecology due to the anthropogenic climate change. He further opined about the empowerment of the mountain community so as to enable them to survive in the climate change scenario. “This workshop will do something more effective to mitigate the continuing degradation of the Great Himalayas”, he concluded.

This inaugural function is concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. R. Krishnan.

The aim this training workshop are envisaged towards integrating the regional climate downscaling activities, facilitating cross-fertilization of scientific expertise and engaging the

community of Asian scientists for further capacity building pertaining to the High Mountains of Asia.

There are 48 Participants (8 International and 40 National) and 28 Scientific Experts which includes 5 International and 23 National Faculties (including experts from IITM). The international Participants are from Nepal, Srilanka, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Spain. The international Experts/Faculty are from Nepal, Japan, South Africa, UK and USA.

The programme of the inaugural session and complete agenda:

<http://cccr.tropmet.res.in/home/workshop/oct2018/docs/Agenda-CCHMA-Workshop-06%20Oct%202018.pdf>

Please visit below link for details of the workshop:

<http://cccr.tropmet.res.in/home/workshop/oct2018/index.jsp>

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