



ARMY INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT & TECHNOLOGY, GREATER NOIDA

GUEST LECTURE ON MANAGING THE WASTE TSUNAMI AT HIMALAYAS: ECO-TOURISM & TRASH MANAGEMENT AT HIMALAYAS AT ARMY INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, GREATER NOIDA

*The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”
– Robert Swan, Author*

The Himalayas, one of the largest and longest mountain ranges of the world. It homes many of the World's tallest mountain peaks, including Mt. Everest, Nanga Parbat, K2, Kanchenjunga, etc. Due to its amazing scenic beauty and peace, it attracts many tourists of all kinds. Today, the once-pristine Himalayan mountains are littered with plastic. Even remote villages with age-old traditions have not escaped the plastic menace. As a result, we are witnessing one of the biggest environmental tragedies in the world. The need of the hour is to promote eco-tourism by facilitating trash management at great heights. A session was conducted on “Managing the Waste at Himalayas: Eco-tourism & Trash Management at Himalayas”. The webinar was conducted on the 7th of November, through the platform of MS Teams, for the batches of MBA 16 & BBA 01, as well as the faculty members. The guest speaker for the session Mr. Rohit Chandra Joshi (CEO, Director- Ecosage Enviro). The session began with the speaker emphasizing about waste management and keeping surroundings clean as an innate feature and responsibility of every individual. The speaker also walked through the brief overview of the Himalayan region, with respect to the area it covers, its flora and fauna and the human population. The session proceeded with the speaker highlighting the difficulties faced in transporting the waste through the small villages and rough terrains of Himalayas. He further emphasized the changing consumption patterns of locals coupled with heavier floating population (tourists) and plastic being the main waste contributor. The waste management practices are not in pace with the capacity of waste generated in the region. The speaker highlighted the infrastructural limitations to waste management being workers attendance and behaviour, lack of coordination between ULB, improper dumping, burning of recyclables, lack of real time reporting and limited collection bandwidth of ULBs. Further, he analysed the appropriate step to overcome the inefficiencies was an integrated waste collection system. The consequences of inefficient waste management including soil & air contamination, human health deterioration, climate changes and ultimately harming the local economy and planet were highlighted by the speaker. The speaker further discussed development of a PPP model, high margin recycling, incentives for informal sector, SuP free protocols, minimize emissions and curbing incineration as the solutions to such a crucial issue. The speaker concluded with a brief analysis of the road ahead with an integrated transport management system, feasibility study, integrated collection mechanism of all ULBs and HVP recycling avenues as the future solutions. A Q&A round succeeding the session was conducted for the students and faculty members. The session concluded with the vote of thanks presented by Col. Rajendra Pandey, Registrar, AIMT.

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