

## VFSTR celebrates “World Environment Day – 2022”

Environmental Science Forum at VFSTR in association with Dept. of Chemistry (under School of Applied Science & Humanities) and Dept. of Civil Engineering has celebrated World Environment Day (5<sup>th</sup> June) 2022 with a Guest lecture on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022 via digital mode. The resource person of the program was Prof. Shashi Kumar Gupta (Ex. Prof., Civil Engineering, ASTU Ethiopia and Ex-Senior Academic Staff, Civil Engineering WIT, New Zealand. Nearly 100 people have enjoyed program through online platforms. The program started with introductory remarks by Dr. V. Srinivasadesikan, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, School of Applied Science & Humanities who mentioned that since the first celebration of world environment day on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1974 (the idea was taken up in 1972, thus making this year a 50 year’s celebration), it has been a platform for creating awareness about various environmental issues. He also emphasized on the importance of environmental education and our responsibility especially with respect to this year’s theme “ONLY ONE EARTH”. Prof. K. Prabhakara Rao, Head of Chemistry Department, pointed out the significance of sustainable developments in saving the energy resources. Dr. N. Ruben, Head of Civil Engineering, emphasized on the importance of sustainable developments and opined that no scientific and technological advancements could save the earth without significant efforts from every part of the society. Prof. N. Srinivasu, Dean, School of Applied Science and Humanities highlighted on the simple steps that people can take in order to save the world. Then, the convenor of the webinar, Dr. M. V. K. Srivani, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Chemistry, briefly read out the profile of the speaker Prof. Shashi Kumar Gupta and welcomed him to deliver his talk of “Clean and Green Living and Sustainable Development”.

In his talk, Prof. Gupta first introduced himself and explained the basic terminologies related to environment and the purpose of the celebrating world environment day. This was followed by an in-depth discussion on factors (along with their resources) that are impacting the environment negatively and next, he linked this with importance of sustainable developments. He then focused on the various aspects “Clean and Green Living” and how that is essential for sustainable developments. He discussed some of the ideas/options related to Clean and Green Lifestyles which have already been implemented or are about to be implemented in various parts of the world. He also reminded us about our responsibility to save the environment and world. Lastly, he thanked the organizers for making this event possible. His excellent oratory skill and enthusiasm made the session unique, and the viewers actively participated during the question/answer session.

At the end, Joint-convenor, Dr. Shubhalakshmi Sengupta, Scientist, Dept. of Chemistry, thanked the resource person, management of VFSTR, every member of the organizing committee (especially, Dr. Ravi, Dr. Devraju, Dr. Sudip and others) and the participants for their great support. The participants received their e-certificates at the end of the program. On behalf

Invited Speaker



**Prof. Shashi Kumar Gupta**

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of Environmental Science Forum, she promised to organize such events more frequently to generate awareness and various environmental and societal issues.

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