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Report on the Webinar (5th June, 2022)

1. **Title of the Workshop/Seminar/Webinar:** “What Can We do about Environmental Degradation? Some Basic Points and A Conversation”
2. **YouTube Link:** <https://youtu.be/pNx5IA84owM>
3. **Name of the organizing Department(s):** Nature and Environment Subcommittee, in association with IQAC, Garhbeta College.
4. **Date:** 5th June, 2022
5. **Level:** International Level
6. **Number of participants:** 103
7. **Details of Resource Person(s):** Prof. (Dr.) Farida C. Khan, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

The Nature and Environment subcommittee of Garhbeta College, in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the college, has organized a webinar on environmental degradation on 5th June, 2022. It was to observe the World Environment Day. The webinar was titled, “What can We do about Environmental Degradation? Some Basic Points and A Conversation”. Prof. (Dr.) Farida C. Khan, professor of Economics, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs was the invited speaker at the webinar. The webinar was inaugurated by the honourable principal of the college Dr. Hariprasad Sarkar.

In the beginning, Dr. Sarkar emphasised the main target of the webinar, which was to spread awareness about the urgent nature of environmental degradation. It is of utmost importance to understand the significance, impact and our responsibilities of and about environmental degradation.

The speaker, Dr. Khan explained various aspects of the degrading environment, which particularly affects lives and livelihood in the third world. Dr. Khan delivered his talk in primarily vernacular language. Different known and unknown reasons of environmental destruction was discussed very lucidly. Dr. Khan spoke about various factors affecting the environment and about their scientific basis or lack of any. The role of economic development in affecting the environment negatively, the impact of environmental degradation on economic development in turn, both creates a vicious cycle, which is increasingly becoming hard to break. Dr. Khan stressed upon the responsibility of all of us to identify, deal and mitigate our own impact on the environment, if we are serious about the degradation of it.

A long and very much in-depth discussion followed the main talk, during the question-and-answer session. There were around ninety student participants from the college along with the teaching and non-teaching staff in the webinar.

Prof. (Dr.) Swatilekha Maity, member of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the college, delivered the vote of thanks. The programme was concluded by the principal of the college.