

Symposium on climate change held

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: The Centre for Environmental Law, Advocacy and Research (CELAR) of National Law University, Assam organised a symposium on evolving a strategic international and national climate change arrangement on November 21 and 22, according to a press release.

Inaugurating the event, the chief guest Prof Paramjit S Jaswal, Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law highlighted the urgency of adaptation and mitigation measures to tackle human-induced climate change. He reflected on the upcoming Paris conference on climate change and India's commitments to reduce Green House gases.

Portraying the Vedic literature and Gandhi's ideology on sustainability, the university's VC Prof Vijender Kumar said India's analytical approach to combat climate change needs a revamping and praised the 'Assam State Action Plan on Climate Change (2015-2020)' as a

stepping stone in this regard.

Centre head Prof Yugal Kishore reflected on India's National Action Plan on Climate Change in the light of the upcoming Paris conference.

The three technical sessions held on November 22 covered the themes, 'National Response to Climate Change', 'Climate Change and its Impact on North-Eastern States' and 'International Climate Change'. The sessions were chaired by Prof Yugal Kishore, Chiradeep Basak and Smt Shannu Narayan respectively.

Effect of climate change on the tea industry in Assam was one such concern touched upon. An industry supplying 17 per cent of the world's tea production and supporting the livelihood of two million labourers faces an impending threat of climate change. The 'Assam State Action Plan on Climate Change (2015-2020)' will have an important role to play in safeguarding this industry, it was felt.
