

World Environment Day, 5th June,2017

The Chief Information Commissioner, J&K State Information Commission, Shri Khurshid A.Ganai was the Chief Guest at the Institution of Engineers, Srinagar on the occasion of '**World Environment Day**' on 5th June,2017. In his address on the importance of conservation and protection of natural resources and environment, the Chief Information Commissioner stated that '**Right to Information**' (RTI) can be a very useful tool for identification of such behavior and activities of groups of people and within the Government which are not eco-friendly and which need to be curbed to safeguard the environment. He also said that changes in our lifestyle which result in less consumption and more conservation should be encouraged and incentivised and that there is a definite role for the State and local self governments in this regard. He further said that at the national level we have the '**National Action Plan for Climate Change**' and at the State level we have the '**State Action Plan for Climate Change**'. He hoped that implementation of both these Action Plans over a period of time result in fulfillment of the commitments made by our country at the international level as part of the Paris Agreement on Global Climate Change.