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National Productivity Council, under DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India is organizing the National Policy Workshop through series of webinar during 12-22 May 2020 comprising of six on-line sessions as part of the UNEP lead project “Promotion of countermeasures against marine plastic litter in Southeast Asia and India” funded by the Govt. of Japan. The Webinar 4 on theme ‘Assessment of plastic pollution impact on natural capital and riverine and marine ecosystems needing policy intervention’ as part of the National Policy Workshop on Countermeasures for riverine and marine plastic litter has been organised on 18 May 2020 during 14.30 – 17.00 hrs.

The sessions highlighted the following. (a) Snapshots of work undertaken by National Productivity Council in respect of microplastic survey in river Yamuna and river Ganga; (b) Need to establish health related hazards due to plastic/microplastic on human health with rigorous studies. (c) combinations of policy instruments such as such as deposit-refund scheme combined with behavioral instruments is required to combat plastic pollution issue; (d) Case study of development of a framework and assessment of the ecosystem services of Ganga River.; (f) Methodologies and challenges in microplastic assessment in freshwater; (g) Impacts of plastic waste usage in road construction. (h) Aspects of Life cycle assessment of plastic products in Plastic value chain (k) Overview of Ocean Plastic Turned into an Opportunity in Circular Economy – OPTOCE project being implemented by SINTEF in India, China, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam (l) Overview of Indo-Norway Marine Pollution Initiative for Developing coherent systems for data collection and analysis for the state of Gujarat

The webinar was attended by 700 plus participants as located representing public / private organizations, civil society, researchers, academia, and from across a range of national and multilateral institutions. The Webinar has been highly appreciated by participants and is attracting attention from a wide range of stakeholders.

The upcoming webinars are scheduled on 20 and 22nd May 2020 and shall be leading to a policy dialogue on the subject. The participants can register for the webinars via <https://www.npcindia.gov.in/NPC/User/unep>

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