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## SPU celebrates International Day for Biosphere Reserves



### SE Report

**GANGTOK, November 4:** Sikkim Professional University (SPU) celebrated International Day for Biosphere Reserves at its campus in Budang on Thursday.

Students, faculty and staff members participated in the programme with great enthusiasm, informs a press release.

regions of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

The Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme was launched in 1971. It is UNESCO's oldest intergovernmental scientific programme and its 50th anniversary is celebrated in 2021 and 2022. The MAB programme and the biosphere reserve model have, over the past 50 years, become an

SPU pro vice chancellor Prof. Jaswant Sokhi and registrar Prof. Ramesh Kumar Rawat addressed the students.

The International Day for Biosphere Reserves is celebrated to save the nature and environment and simultaneously to develop it's affection for the same. In India and the world, many national parks and animal sanctuaries are developed in this context. In this connection, many States of India including Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Kerala, Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Meghalaya, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar, Chhattisgarh and Sikkim are developing 18 biosphere reserve areas on regular basis.

An event showcasing the contribution of the biosphere reserves to sustainable development was organised at UNESCO Headquarters in collaboration with all the

international example of sustainable territorial development, highlighting UNESCO's and the MAB's commitment to the global biodiversity agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The purpose of the International Day for Biosphere Reserves is to provide, on an annual basis, a wake-up call on the sustainable development approach to modern life by leading, and playing an exemplary role in environmental conservation.

Bag and t-shirts were distributed to 50 students of Sikkim Professional College of Arts & Science and Sikkim Professional Institute of Nursing (SPIN), Budang by the pro vice chancellor and the registrar.

SPIN principal Dipa Chetry along with staff members also attended the programme, the release mentions.