

**Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology  
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**International GIAN course launched in the university**

*Pantnagar. 21 April 2025.* The Global Initiative of Academic Networks, an International programme funded by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, was launched today in the Department of Soil and Water Conservation Engineering of the College of Technology of the University. This course is based on the subject 'Industrial Wastewater Management towards Sustainable and Safe Environment'. The training programme is being organized from 21 to 25 April 2025. On this occasion, Dean of the College of Technology Dr. S.S. Gupta, Director Communication Dr. J.P. Jaiswal, Director of International Affairs Dr. H.J. Shiv Prasad, Course Coordinator Dr. Deepak Kumar and all the faculty members of the college were present. A total of 50 participants from all over the country are participating in the program in which 32 participants are women. The course comprises of lectures, tutorials and industrial visits. Participants will be provided with in-depth knowledge on industrial wastewater management through biological treatment, recycling, zero discharge policy, heavy metals remediation and pollution abatement techniques.

The keynote speaker Dr. Vijay Kubsad, Senior Environmental Engineer at Washington State Department of Ecology, the USA and Adjunct Professor at Washington State University addressed the participants in the inaugural session. He has more than 30 years of international experience in industrial wastewater management, environmental regulation and wastewater treatment techniques. He has done his Ph.D. from IIT Bombay and research work from Australia. In his speech, Dr. Kubsad shared with the participants modern technologies and global experiences in industrial wastewater treatment, recycling and pollution control. His concern was waste management by medium and small industries. Dean Technology, the chief guest on this occasion threw light on the importance of waste management and Dr. H.J. Shiv Prasad introduced about the module of the 5 day training programme. This program is not only important from the academic point of view but is also a concrete effort towards promoting sustainable development in the field of industrial and environmental management.

*E-mail Picture No. 1. The Keynote speaker Dr. Vijay Kubsad addressing the participants.*

**Director Communication**