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A Report on "World Ozone Day"
Organized by Department of Chemistry
on 16.09.2026



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Attendees: 68 students & 7 faculty members

Venue: Seminar Hall-A and Time: 04:00 pm to 05:00 pm.

Mode of Conduct: Offline

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On 16th September 2026, The **Department of Chemistry, MITS (Deemed to be University)** celebrated **World Ozone Day 2026** with the objective of creating awareness among students about the importance of the ozone layer, environmental protection, sustainability, and the need for collective action to address global environmental challenges.

The programme provided an opportunity for students and faculty members to reflect on the significance of ozone layer protection and the various international initiatives undertaken towards safeguarding the Earth's atmosphere. The celebration also encouraged students to actively engage with environmental issues through academic and creative competitions.

Background:

The significance of Ozone Day traces back to 1987, when representatives from 24 nations came together in Montreal to commit to preventing further harm to the ozone layer, leading to the **Montreal Protocol**. To commemorate this, the United Nations General Assembly, on 19th December 1994, proclaimed **16th September as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer**, with the first observance held in 1995.

Program:

The program commenced with Dr. Ugrabadi Sahoo, representing the organizing committee from the Department of Chemistry, extending a warm welcome to the esteemed dignitaries:

Chief Guest: Dr. D. Pradeep Kumar – Registrar, MITS (Deemed to be University)

Dignitaries: Dr. P. Ramanathan – Principal, MITS

Dr. K. Chandramohan – Assistant Dean, I B.Tech – Chemistry Stream

Convener: Dr. Renjith Bhaskaran, Asst. Prof. & Head - Dept. of Chemistry, MITS

The programme commenced with a warm welcome address by **Dr. Renjith Bhaskaran**, Head, Department of Chemistry, MITS (Deemed to be University). He welcomed the Chief Guest, Principal, Assistant Dean, faculty members, and students to the World Ozone Day celebration. In his address, Dr. Renjith Bhaskaran highlighted the significance of World Ozone Day and drew attention to this year's theme, **"Global Action for a Cooler Planet."** He emphasized that protecting the environment requires coordinated efforts at different levels and that meaningful change can begin with awareness and responsible action at the individual level. He also encouraged students to understand the scientific and environmental dimensions of ozone protection and to recognize their role in contributing to a sustainable future.

Following the welcome address, **Dr. K. Chandramohan**, Assistant Dean – I B. Tech (Chemistry Stream), addressed the gathering. His presentation focused on the Montreal Protocol, its importance, and its contribution to international efforts for the protection of the ozone layer. He explained the need for coordinated global action to control substances responsible for ozone depletion and discussed the significance of the Kigali Amendment in the context of environmental protection and climate-related challenges. His address helped students understand how scientific knowledge, international cooperation, and policy initiatives can work together to address environmental problems on a global scale.

The **Principal, Dr. P. Ramanathan**, subsequently addressed the gathering and spoke about the importance of **innovation through sustainable practices**. He emphasized the need for students to develop an innovative and responsible approach towards environmental challenges. He encouraged them to think beyond conventional solutions and explore scientific and technological approaches that can support sustainability and environmental protection. His address reinforced the idea that innovation and sustainability should go hand in hand in shaping a responsible and environmentally conscious future.



The programme was further enriched by the address of the **Chief Guest, Dr. D. Pradeep Kumar, Registrar, MITS (Deemed to be University)**. In his address, Dr. D. Pradeep Kumar highlighted the importance of preserving the ozone layer and emphasized the responsibility of every individual towards environmental protection. He stressed that protecting the environment is not the responsibility of institutions or governments alone, but requires meaningful participation from **individuals, communities, and society as a whole**.

His message encouraged the students to recognize that even individual actions can contribute to broader environmental goals when they are translated into collective societal responsibility.

As part of the World Ozone Day celebration, the Department of Chemistry organized three competitions to encourage student participation and create greater awareness about ozone protection and environmental sustainability.

The competitions conducted were:

1. **Essay Writing Competition**
2. **Quiz Competition**
3. **Drawing Competition**

The competitions provided students with opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge, creativity, communication skills, and understanding of environmental issues.

The **Essay Writing Competition** encouraged students to express their ideas and perspectives on ozone protection and environmental sustainability through written communication.

The **Quiz Competition** tested students' knowledge and understanding of ozone depletion, environmental science, international environmental agreements, and related scientific concepts.

The **Drawing Competition** provided students with a creative platform to visually communicate environmental messages and highlight the importance of protecting the ozone layer and the planet.





The winners of the three competitions were recognized and felicitated as part of the programme. **Cash prizes and certificates** were presented to the winners in appreciation of their performance and active participation.

The prize distribution served as an encouragement for students to continue participating in academic, scientific, and extracurricular activities that promote environmental awareness and social responsibility.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by **Dr. Ugrabadi Sahoo** from the Department of Chemistry, who expressed sincere gratitude to the **Chief Guest, Dr. D. Pradeep Kumar, Registrar, MITS (Deemed to be University)**, the **Principal, Dr. P. Ramanathan, Dr. Chandramohan, Assistant Dean – I B.Tech**, the faculty members, organizers, the management and students for their valuable presence and contributions.

The **Department of Chemistry** extends its heartfelt appreciation to the **Management, Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Principal and other administrative officials** for their unwavering support in ensuring the smooth and impactful execution of this important program.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from **faculty members and students across multiple departments**, reflecting the **interdisciplinary significance of environmental protection** and the shared responsibility of the academic community in building a sustainable future.