

Call for promoting public interest science

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INDIAN scientist and researcher Dr Vikram Soni has stressed for promoting public interest science, saying every technology is injurious to health on our planet.

Addressing students at the Ali Institute of Education here on Saturday, he said inventions were not being done with natural wisdom, which was resulting polluting the environment while natural resources were also being wasted.

Dr Vikram Soni is a Professor of Physics at National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi, India. He was talking on "Saving river water from degradation: A lesson in environment education." At the institute.

He said it took 50 years for scientists to find out that chlorofluorocarbons (CFC) used as

refrigerants were damaging the ozone layer.

He stressed on setting up a department of public interest science at universities, colleges and schools, saying inventions were not being done with wisdom. "Setting principles is most important", he said adding technology should be nature-oriented and non-invasive.

The Indian scientist further said nature was the largest producer, adding whatever was left should be preserved on priority basis and should be usable.

"Its time to act and to preserve the rivers", he said warning "Otherwise it will be too late." Manager Policy Freshwater WWF Pakistan Ali Hasnain Sayed said conservation without consciousness was a futile exercise, adding technology should be redefined. Educationist Beena Raza also spoke on the occasion.