



## **PUBLIC LECTURE BY CAPT. ANURAG BISEN, 3 NOVEMBER 2022**

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**“Climate change isn’t something people get to choose to believe or not: it’s happening”**

The Summer Fields’ fraternity has been a keen supporter of climate conservation and a great pillar to diversifying perspective of the next generation who has more tomorrows than yesterdays. The reigns of the nation will be kept in these hands of students who are young right now hence making them familiar with the reality is one of the key motives of Summer Fields School. Following the path to make the best future leaders, the students of Summer Fields School attended a public lecture on ‘India’s Arctic Policy- Building a partnership for Sustainable Development’ by Capt. Anurag Bisen, MP-IDSA, with over 34 years of service. He has worked on maritime issues including maritime boundary and legal issues, Indo-Pacific, Indian Ocean Region, Maritime and Coastal Security and Polar Issues. He was instrumental in drafting and approval of India’s Arctic Policy, recently released in March, 2022

The evening aglow with bright city lights was accompanied by our set of enthusiastic students boarding towards IIC, having many thoughts in head, looking forward for more. The students were greeted by Cmde.C.Uday Bhaskar, Director, Society for Policy Studies. Sir with this huge span of knowledge enlightened the youth along with making them realize the fact that they are the next citizens who need to take the nation forward. After having some snacks, the students were invited in the meeting hall. Formal environment, ranked people, hall full of think-tanks gave an unusual experience to our students. The lecture began with the fact that Arctic region’s ice-melting has both pros as well as cons. Sir made us aware of the alarming study that predicts that Arctic region will turn ice-free by 2040 if today’s trend continues. This is likely to have a disastrous effect on the population of the world and Earth’s ecosystem. Changes in the arctic are affecting Himalayas as well, which is also referred to as the the third pole. Being a man witnessing various crisis practically and working in this field for years, he casted light on geopolitics regarding the Arctic region, world trade getting affected by the melting snow and ice, Arctic Council and the Indian Arctic Programme. The presentation was really comprehensive with interactive videos and slides.

The lecture proved to be a great imparting of knowledge to Summer Fields’ young leaders who are now sailing towards the sun to uplift the nation, equipped with empowering faculties.

