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## Public Lecture - a lecture on Ecosystem Disservices - identification, management and integration to the planning processes (Dr. Anton Shkaruba, Estonian University of Life Sciences)

## Jawaharlal Nehru University

Dr. Anton Shkaruba delivered a thought-provoking lecture on "*Ecosystem Disservices - identification, management and integration to the planning processes*." In this lecture, he delved into the less frequently discussed concept of ecosystem disservices, which are the negative impacts that ecosystems can have on human well-being and economic activities.

He began by defining ecosystem disservices, providing examples such as pest outbreaks, natural disasters, invasive species, and allergens. He emphasized the importance of recognizing and quantifying these disservices to develop comprehensive management strategies. By identifying the sources and impacts of ecosystem disservices, planners and policymakers can better mitigate their adverse effects.

The lecture also highlighted the necessity of incorporating the management of ecosystem disservices into urban and regional planning. He showcased several case studies where proactive measures have successfully reduced the negative impacts of ecosystem disservices. He advocated for an integrated approach that balances the promotion of ecosystem services with the mitigation of disservices, ensuring sustainable and resilient development.

His lecture provided valuable insights into the dual nature of ecosystems, urging a more nuanced understanding that encompasses both their benefits and drawbacks. This comprehensive perspective is crucial for effective environmental management and planning, aiming to enhance overall human well-being and ecological sustainability.



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