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Staff Reporter

Modern construction methods have so eaten into natural resources that there is a growing need to revive eco-friendly construction technologies, Juerg Grunder, Professor, Department Architecture (Wood and Civil engineering), Bern University, has said.

Speaking at a five-day international seminar on the 'Significance of eco- friendly construction Technology' that concluded here on Wednesday, Prof. Grunder said all possibilities should be explored to revive eco-friendly methods.

Even before the invention of cement and modern constituents of construction, people had built eco-friendly houses, bridges and dams by utilising the traditional techniques, many among which had stood the test of time. Hence, construction need not necessarily destroy natural resources, he said.

The five-day workshop was organised by the Uravu Eco-links, a social enterprise in the district, in association with the Bern University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland, and the National Institute of Technology, Calicut, (NIT-C), Kozhikode, for the civil engineering and architecture students of these educational institutions.

As many as 32 students including 17 students from Bern University attended the programme.