

PRESS REPORT

THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE: GREEN PHILOSOPHY AND LIFESTYLE

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Symbiosis Law School, Pune (SLS-P), a constituent of **Symbiosis International (Deemed University)**, celebrated the **World Environment Day**. The programme was organized by the Jean Monnet Chair EUC-LAMP SIU in collaboration with the ECOCON cell and Community Legal Care and Literacy Cell of Symbiosis Law School.

The programme was held at the Venkateshwara School, Taluka: Haveli, Pune with the objective of raising environmental consciousness amongst the students. After the welcome address, **Mrs. Madhura Thombare, Principal, Venkateshwara School** felicitated **Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU, Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC – LAMP co-funded by EU)**

Prof. (Dr) Gurpur delivered the thematic presentation. The topic of the lecture was, *‘The Impact of Climate Change: Green Philosophy and Lifestyle.’* Prof. (Dr.) Gurpur spoke of the significance behind celebrating World Environment Day, starting from United Nation’s resolution till its theme for 2023. Prof (Dr.) Gurpur expressed her pleasure of meeting the school students, she mentioned that looking at the school children she was reminded of her childhood days when the technology and infrastructure were not advanced but the seasons were on time. She went on to say, *“by the time you children become adults, the problem of climate change will worsen and cause destruction at a larger scale. As the planet heats up, ocean levels are rising. If we do not do anything to tackle it now, places like Mumbai that lie near the coast will be submerged in the ocean. The Himalayan snow caps will melt.”*

Prof. (Dr.) Gurpur elaborately explained the causes of climate change, *“Rampant and irresponsible consumerism is prevalent today. In olden times, people bought clothes only once in a year to satisfy their need. Today, we buy and buy and buy till we are left with cupboards full of clothes we are not even sure when and where to wear. We are too lazy to travel even minute distances on foot or on cycle.”*

Speaking about the UN theme of World Environment Day, 2023, **‘Beat Plastic Pollution’** Prof. (Dr.) Gurpur engaged in an interactive discussion with the students of Venkateshwara School. She asked them questions related to the daily life activities and pointed out some

simple mistakes that can be easily avoided to stop waste. The session received a lively response from the students.

Several videos were shown as a part of the thematic presentation. The videos highlighted various practices that one, even children, can implement in their everyday lives to protect the environment a sustainable living.

Prof. (Dr.) Gurpur further explained the idea of Green Philosophy which is a way of thought that prioritizes the environment and keeps its needs at the centre of decision-making. Finally, she administered a pledge for the students present, *“We won't use plastic. We'll eradicate it. We'll use Green Philosophy and protect the planet and environment for the future generations.”*

The thematic presentation was followed by poetry, dance performances and story-telling sessions by the students of SLS-P. Sustainable pens which can be sown in the soil, food packets, and certificates were distributed by SLS-P students to the students of Venkateshwara School. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Trupti Rathi.

PICTURES FROM EVENT



Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU, Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC – LAMP co-funded by EU) delivered the thematic presentation on ‘The Impact of Climate Change: Green Philosophy and Lifestyle’ at Venkyateshwara School, Taluka: Haveli, Pune on World Environment Day, 2023.



Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurbur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU, felicitated by Mrs. Madhura Thombare, Principal, Venkateshwara School, Taluka: Haveli, Pune on World Environment Day, 2023.



Students from SLS-P gave electrifying dance performance.



Students from the SLS-P entertain the crowd with an engaging dance performance



Students of the SLS-P presenting an intriguing skit for the audience.