



WEBINAR: POLLUTION CONTROL DAY

Date: - 8th December 2023

Time: - 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Place: - Webinar on Google Meet

Platform: - Online

December 8th, 2023, Mumbai.

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Council of Fr. CRCE successfully conducted a webinar on Pollution Control Day. The objective of this event was to create awareness among volunteers about various types of pollution studied in India and to raise awareness about diverse pollution control techniques. The webinar not only addressed different control methods but also acquainted volunteers with the coastline and diverse shores of India.

We called upon the speaker, Mr. Swanand Gawde, an accomplished environmentalist with a rich background in the environmental service sector, and a Master's Degree in Environmental Science. He managed to grab the attention of all the volunteers instantly. The session was highly interactive throughout, with all volunteers showing enthusiasm and interest in the topic.

The session kicked off at 5 pm. Mr Swanand sent the pre-webinar survey form to volunteers, which included a quiz about different types of pollution, marine pollution, and various environmental aspects to analyze how aware the volunteers were about different environmental issues. Mr. Swanand started the session by providing insights into the Indian coastline and shores, explaining how they are distributed throughout different states. He then introduced different types of pollution found in India, including chemical pollutants associated with land and marine-based human activities.

The session continued with different quiz sessions in between, keeping the session very interactive. Mr Swanand made the volunteers aware of how important it is to carry out different pollution control measures. A few measures include properly disposing of hazardous household items, reducing or eliminating the use of fertilizers and chemical herbicides and pesticides, making appointments to service septic systems, and promoting mass plantation.

The session ended with a question-and-answer round where participants engaged with the speaker by asking questions related to environmental conservation. Following this, Mr. Swanand administered another post-webinar survey form for volunteers.

The webinar successfully achieved its goal of spreading awareness about pollution and different pollution control measures. Attendees left the event with a deeper understanding of environmental aspects and were inspired to contribute to their preservation. The NSS Council aims to build upon the success of this webinar event by organizing many such activities that promote social awareness and contribute to the betterment of society.

A report by Mansi Chache, Secretary

An Insight into the Program:

Swanand Gawde (Presenting)

Plastic Pollution

United Way

The infographic illustrates the flow of plastic waste from land to the ocean. On the left, 'COMMONLY FOUND PLASTICS' lists items like Cigarette Butts, Bottle Caps, Straws, Cups & Plates, Single Use Bags, Food Wrappers, and Beverage Bottles. These waste items are shown being carried by 'RAIN & WINDS' and 'STREAMS & STORM DRAINS' into the ocean. In the ocean, 'BOATS/NETS' contribute to 'LITTERING'. The infographic also shows 'MICROPLASTICS' and 'ENTANGLEMENT' of marine life like a whale. 'INGESTION' of plastic by marine animals is also depicted. A URL <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov> is provided at the bottom.

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Swanand Gawde (Presenting)

Rules and regulations in India to conserve marine biodiversity

United Way

The map shows the coastline of India with various Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) labeled, including the Gulf of Kutch, Gulf of Mannar, Andaman Sea, and several islands and reefs. To the right of the map, a list of regulations is provided:

- Under Wildlife Protection Act, 1970
- Total 129 MPAs in India
- Gulf of Kutchh 1st Marine National Park
- Malvan Marine Sanctuary, Maharashtra's MPA

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