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A report on State level seminar on Natural and Anthropogenic Disasters and Management Strategies organized by Department of Environmental Science

8th June, 2 to 4 pm at Seminar Hall

Introduction

Department of Environmental Science, Sarojini Naidu College for Women organized a seminar on Hazard and Disaster Management on 8th June, 2022 as a part of World Environment Day Celebrations. The topic of the seminar was Natural and Anthropogenic Disasters and Management Strategies.

The main aim of the seminar was to remind us all about the need to understand the basic concept of different types of hazards and disasters in context to India and their management strategies adopted by Government and Non-governmental Organizations.

Content

Distinguished environmentalists and eminent personalities Sri Debojyoti Chakraborti (Coordinator, Inter Agency Group, Department of Disaster Management, Govt of West Bengal) and Dr. Sanghamitra Mukherjee (ATI Trainer and Solid Waste Management Specialist) were our guest speakers.

The seminar was inaugurated by pouring water by the respected dignitaries by pouring water on to the plant so as to increase the capacity of life and oxygen in the planet Earth.

Dr. Urmila Ukil, Principal welcomed the Guests audience with an opening speech giving an insight to the importance of Disaster Management Strategies.

Our Governing Body President Dr. Anjan Sinha addressed the audience with an enlightening speech mentioning the importance of disaster knowledge and awareness specially in terms of disaster risks.

Our first Guest Speaker Sri Debojyoti Charaborti shared his knowledge on present scenario of disaster management in special context of West Bengal. He explained the vulnerability status of West Bengal to natural calamities like flood, cyclone, hail storm, thunder squall, drought, landslide, erosion and sometimes to earthquakes because of its geo-morphological, climatic and seismic conditions. Floods

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and Cyclonic storms occur almost every year in different parts of the State and inflict huge loss of life and property causing untold hardships and trauma in the lives of the people. He also explained the latest Disaster Management Policy framework with proactive, comprehensive, and sustained approach to disaster management to reduce the detrimental effects of disasters on overall socio-economic development of the state. Disaster Management is a holistic approach which is inclusive of all the activities before, during and after disaster. He elaborated the implementation of Disaster Management Planning with the examples of AMPHAN (2020) and YAAS (2021), the two severe cyclones that recently hit West Bengal Coast.

As we all know that, manmade disasters provoke a serious disruption on the economy, agriculture and health-care sectors of a society, typically producing long lasting effects and sometimes permanent damage.

Our second Guest Speaker Dr. Sanghamitra Mukherjee gave her valuable insights on the present scenario on Solid Waste Management Systems in India. In India, with a population of 140 Crore, the average amount of solid waste generated per day is about 1.5 lakh metric tones. She explained different management strategies of these huge amount of waste by Government and Private sectors. She also explained how can we segregate and recycle our waste generated at home. She informed about the dangerous and long-term effects of thermocol (which is a styrene product) which is non-biodegradable as well as carcinogenic.

The seminar was followed by a plantation programme by the Teachers and Students.

Outcome of the seminar

The general response pattern of the seminar was very supportive. In relation to participation, the response was very positive. There was sufficient interest and support to encourage the students to take individual and group initiative to maintain our environment more cleaner and better one.

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