

Guest Lecture on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

The Geography Department of L. A. D. & Smt. R. P. College for Women, in partnership with Shrimati Manoramabai Mundle College of Architecture, proudly hosted a captivating guest lecture titled '**Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a way of Life**' on 27th July 2023. The event was aligned with the overarching themes of G-20, Y-20, and our College Literacy Year initiative '**Save Earth-Save Future: Vasundhara Samvardhan**' (2023-2024). Distinguished guest speaker, **Dr. Sameer Deshkar, Associate Professor from the Department of Architecture and Planning, VNIT, Nagpur**, eloquently shared his insights and experiences, urging the audience to recognize climate change as an urgent global concern. Dr. Deshkar emphasized that the impact of climate change extends far beyond textbooks and necessitates immediate, collective action. He recounted significant roundtables and symposiums he had attended, highlighting the varying approaches of nations and the responsibility of global leaders in combating this pressing issue. The lecture, attended by around 80 students and staff members from both colleges, shed light on the crucial role of urbanization in climate change and subsequent disasters. Dr. Deshkar passionately advocated for reducing plastic usage, encouraging tree planting, and promoting responsible waste disposal. The event culminated with the prize distribution of an Intercollegiate Poster Making Competition, a collaborative effort between L. A. D. & Smt. R. P. College for Women and Shrimati Manoramabai Mundle College of Architecture. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to **Dr. Prachiti Bagaday (Co-Convenor), Dr. Meenakshi Kulkarni (Co-Convenor), and Dr. Deepali Chahande (Convenor)** for their dedicated efforts in organizing this enlightening event. We also extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Sameer Deshkar and all participants for their enthusiastic engagement. This event serves as a stepping stone in our ongoing commitment to a sustainable future.

