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Report on Expert Lecture by Dr. Shankar Lal Garg on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti



Date: [27/09/2023]

Venue: [AV Centre, Department of Botany]

Presenter: Dr. Shankar Lal Garg

Introduction

In commemoration of Gandhi Jayanti and G20 presidency, an expert lecture on the theme "Biodiversity and Conservation" was held at AV Centre, Department of Botany. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Shankar Lal Garg, a renowned expert in the field of biodiversity and conservation. The event was organized by Departments of Botany, Seed Technology & Zoology.

Dr. Garg's Profile

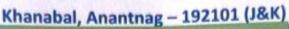
At the inception Dr. M Suliman Dar, moderator of the session gave a brief introduction about the guest. Prof. Dr. Shankar Lal Garg, M.Sc. (Gold-Medalist), Ph.D., M.B.A. (U.S.A.), LL.B., FRSC London, FWRA, FICCE, FISBT, Founder Director of "World Researchers Associations". WRA which is a non-



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profit organization established under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. WRA promotes research in various fields and publishes few reputed and well indexed peer reviewed journals to encourage academicians, research scholars and scientists from all over the world to publish their research free of cost. Motto of his life is "SAVE EARTH". He believes in a good environment.

Head, Department of Botany, A. M. Chalkoo, warmly welcomed the guest by presenting a bouquet.

Key Highlights of the Lecture

Dr. Garg's lecture was insightful and engaging, covering a wide range of topics related to biodiversity and conservation. Some of the key highlights of his lecture include:

- 1. Kesar Parvat: Dr. Garg has planted 35000 trees of 400 varieties including Dragons, Saffron, Walnut, Olive, Mulberries, Almond, Apple, Avocado, Fig. Cherry, Peach, Pineapple, Grapes, Mango, Guava, Custard Apple, Aonla, Phalsa, Sapota Chiku, Lichi, Orange, Sweet Lime, Lemon, Pomegranate, Kabit, Khirni, Jackfruit, Cashew, Banana, Cardamom, Coconut, Khajur-Dates, Jamun, Pear, Kamrakh, Imli, Banyan, Pipal, Neem, Sandalwood, Mahogani, Khamar, Bamboo, Shisham, Teakwood, Willow etc. on rocks and stones at barren rocky hillock "Keshar Parvat" near Mhow, Indore in last seven years. Water is being purchased every day to water the plants and to keep them alive. He wishes to plant 50000 trees at 22 Acres of this barren rocky land to convert it into thick dense forest. There were no trees at the hillock since ages. Now Keshar Parvat is a hot biodiversity spot of Madhya Pradesh in the private sector developed and promoted by Dr. Garg. One can see so many birds, butter flies, insects, and wild animals like Jackal, Hyena, Nilgai and so on.
- Threats to Biodiversity: The speaker discussed the major threats to biodiversity, including
 habitat destruction, climate change, invasive species, pollution, and overexploitation of natural
 resources. He emphasized the need to address these threats urgently to prevent further
 biodiversity loss.
- 3. Conservation Strategies: Dr. Garg highlighted various conservation strategies and initiatives that have been successful in preserving biodiversity. He discussed the importance of protected areas, sustainable land-use practices, and community-based conservation efforts. He also stressed the need for international cooperation in conservation efforts.



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 Engaging the Public: Dr. Garg emphasized the importance of public awareness and education in biodiversity conservation. He discussed how raising awareness and involving local communities can lead to more effective conservation outcomes.

Interactive Session

Following the lecture, Dr. Garg engaged the audience in a lively Q&A session. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on various aspects of biodiversity conservation. The interactive session fostered a deeper understanding of the subject and allowed for the exchange of ideas.

Conclusion

Dr. Garg's expert lecture on "Kesar Parvat" was both informative and inspiring. His extensive knowledge, combined with his passion for conservation, resonated with the audience. The event served as a valuable platform for disseminating knowledge about biodiversity and the urgent need for its conservation.

In conclusion, Dr. Garg underscored the critical importance of biodiversity in sustaining life on Earth and the collective responsibility of individuals, communities, and nations in preserving it. It is hoped that the insights gained from this lecture will motivate attendees to become actively involved in biodiversity conservation efforts and contribute to a more sustainable and biodiverse future.

At the end a memento was presented to the guest by HOD Botany in presence of Prof. Farooq Ahmad Malik, Staff Secretary, GDC Anantnag. The event culminated with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Ummer Rashid Zarger, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, GDC Anantnag.

Attendees included faculty members of Departments of Botany, Seed Technology, Biotechnology and Zoology besides more than 100 students of GDC Anantnag.

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