



WORKSHOP ON THE TOPIC 'SINGLE USE PLASTIC FREE INSTITUTION AND PAPERLESS INSTITUTION'

15, June 2023

10.30 am

organized by Department of Zoology
HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, AGARTALA

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Report on One Day Workshop on the topic 'Single Use Plastic Free Institution & Paperless Institution'. Organized by Department of Zoology, Holy Cross College, Agartala held on 15th June 2023.

The global theme for World Environment Day on 5th June 2023 was focused on 'Solutions to plastic pollution'. Keeping the campaign to beat plastic pollution in mind, Zoology Department of Holy Cross Agartala organized a workshop on the topic 'Single Use Plastic Free Institution & Paperless Institution' on 15th June 2023. The aim of this workshop was to address the issue of plastic waste and paper waste, their far reaching adverse effects on the environment and to promote sustainable practices. The main motto of the workshop was to spread awareness among students to achieve the goal towards creating single use plastic free institution and paperless institution to reduce pollution and save the environment.

The resource persons of the workshop were Shri Anjan Sengupta, Joint Director of Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of Tripura and Dr. Rajib Malakar, Assistant Professor of SIPARD, Govt. of Tripura. The venue for the workshop was Room No. F1.8 of Holy Cross College.

The workshop started at 10.30 am on 15.06.23. Respected Vice Principal of the Institution, Fr. Joe Paul, CSC, and the faculty members of different Life Science Departments attended the workshop along with the students. Seventy students from various departments participated in the workshop. As the workshop encouraged the students to minimize the use of paper, registration of the workshop was done through Google form. Also, to go with the theme, neither single use plastic mineral water bottles nor single use paper made sweet boxes were provided in the workshop as refreshments. Instead, alternative arrangements were made. The workshop was inaugurated by a Prayer song by Brother Pynshai and his group followed by



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lighting of the lamp jointly done by the Vice Principal of the Institution, Fr. Joe Paul, CSC, Dr. Rumki Nath Sen, HOD of Zoology Department and the Resource persons of the Workshop. Respected father, Joe Paul gave the inaugural speech in which he explained the adverse effect of plastic pollution and the necessity to beat plastic pollution.

The first resource person, Shri Anjan Sen Gupta shared his views regarding plastic pollution. He explained how our planet is choking on plastic and the hazards associated with it. At the same time he emphasized on the fact that in our daily life we are so much dependent on plastic materials that we cannot eliminate plastic entirely. However, we can reduce and replace use of single use plastic by choosing reusable alternatives such as cloth bags, metal straws, refillable water bottles, food containers etc. He pointed out the hazards of micro plastics and how they are affecting our health. He also explained before the students the concept of bio-plastic and how it aims to find sustainable alternatives to traditional plastics, helping to protect the environment and reduce waste.

The second resource person, Dr. Rajib Malakar shared the global statistics of per capita paper consumption and the environmental impact of paper consumption. He also pointed out the drawbacks of relying on paper and the merits of going paperless. He discussed the different strategies that might be adopted by any institution for minimizing misuse/over use of paper consumption. He also mentioned the efforts taken up by SIPARD, Govt. of Tripura in moving towards paperless in near future.

Both the lectures were interactive in nature. The students actively participated in these interactions. The workshop ended by the vote of thanks by Dr. Rumki Nath Sen., HOD of



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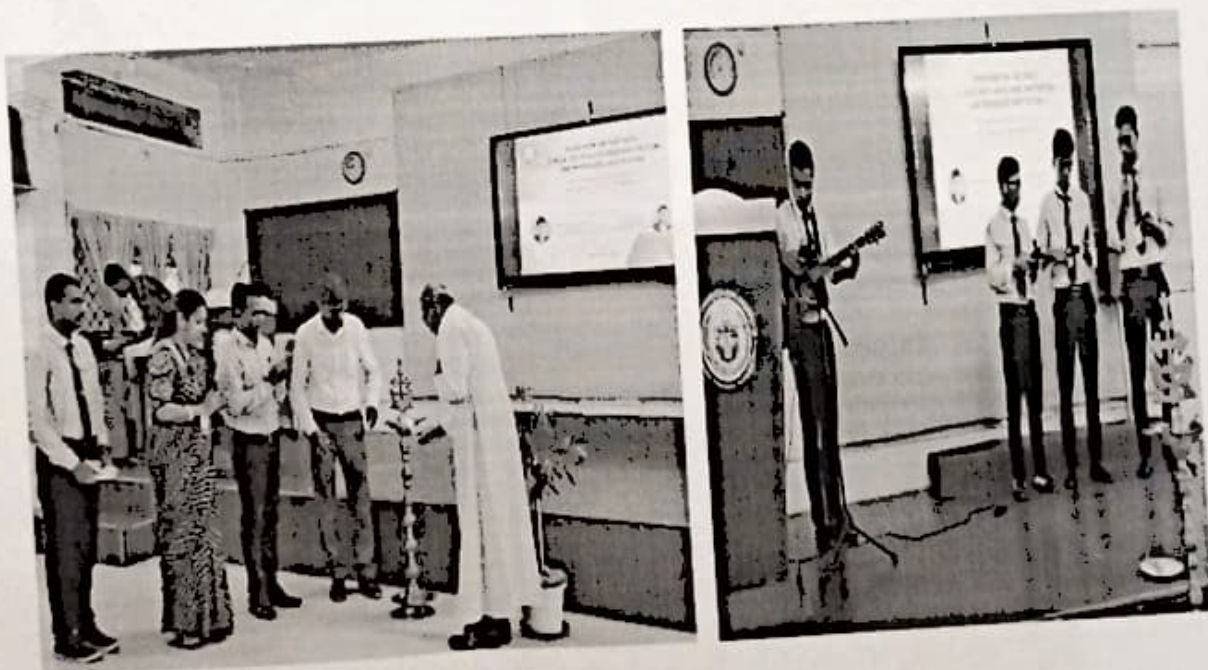
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Zoology Department. The coordinator of the workshop was Parichita Ray Choudhury, Asst Prof. Zoology Department along with other members of department of Zoology. As the workshop dealt with Paperless Institution, instead of hard copies, e certificates were provided to all the participants.

The report is prepared by Dr. Parichita Ray Choudhury, Asst. Prof. Department of Zoology, Holy Cross College, Agartala.



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