

International Webinar on Environmental Consciousness

- Topic : **Environmental Consciousness : Eco Talks with Nilgun Pala**
- Venue : Zoom
- Duration : 01
- No. Of Participants : 135
- Date : 04.05.2021
- Resource Person : Ms. Nilgun Pala, An Environmentalist and Co-founder of Youth Foundation an NGO based in London.
- Details of the Programme : The Department of English, Govt.V.Y.T.PG.Autonomous College Durg, under the programme of International Cultural Exchange ,organized an International Webinar on raising environmental consciousness-“ Eco-Talks with Nilgun Pala”, On Tuesday 4th May 2021. Ms. Nilgun Pala is an environmental activist, and the co-founder of Youth Innovation, an NGO based in London. Dr Prashant Shrivastava, DSW, Durg University was the special guest on this occasion. The programme started with the Program Coordinator Dr Somali Gupta’s brief introduction to the concept of International Cultural Exchange, followed by Dr Shrivastava’s address, after which Ms. Nilgun Pala addressed the students with her presentation , sharing the work she is doing through her NGO. She spoke of the hazards of single use plastics and made the students aware of how we are destroying nature. She also spoke on the current covid situation world over and the excess garbage being produced because of the pandemic. She gave examples of, how to implement control and safety measures and invited the students to form groups and lead cleaning missions within their own areas. Her talk was followed by a question answer session in which the students participated actively. Nearly 135 students participated in the webinar from 16 different states including Jammu & Kashmir, Tamil Nadu , Assam and Punjab. Prof. Savita Singh from RSU Raipur, Prof. Savitri Tripathy from Bilaspur University, Dr. Poonam Nigam Sahay from Jharkhand, Nidhi Sood from Punjab, Dr Panda from Odisha, and a few other eminent professors of other states were also present.

The program was conducted by Mansi Yadu, student of B.Sc final, the introduction of the guest was given by Shri Manish Verma student of B.A.Final, and the vote of thanks was offered by Vaishali Dewangan, student of B.Sc. Final.

Feedback was taken from all participants and there was a demand for more such programmes to be organized. Certificate of participation was given to all the participants.

