



Seminar Report 2018-19

One Day Seminar on ‘NO TO PLASTIC YES TO EARTH’ in association with Kirloskar Vasundhara

One Day Seminar on ‘NO TO PLASTIC YES TO EARTH’ in association with Kirloskar Vasundhara on 7th January, 2019 Kirloskar Vasundhara International Film Festival (KVIFF) is the only Indian festival of its kind which combines film screenings and allied activities related to environment, wildlife, energy, air, and water. College organised one day Seminar on ‘No to Plastic Yes to Earth’ in association with Kirloskar Vasundhara as a part of a KVIFF week.

Plastics have overtaken our lives. However hard we try not to use it, it manages to sneak in. Plastic is always at our immediate reach, be it keyboard, computer mouse, monitor ,vegetable chopping board, plastic bag ,toys , automobile parts etc. We can’t escape the use of plastic in our day to day life, isn’t it? This is because of the very nature of this substance. It is light, durable, easy to produce, unbreakable, odourless and chemical resistant.

However the adverse impact of this substance on the entire world is that it is non-bio –degradable which has become a challenging problem before all of us. Plastic is clogging drainage, causing floods, choking animals and in fields it blocks vegetation and prevents rainwater absorption. It is also endangering Marine life. Thus, Plastic Pollution is damaging the health of our planet .Plastic waste represents a single use throw away culture. This throw away culture is suffocating Mother Earth. In the year 1999, India passed The Plastics Manufacture, Sale and Usage Rules, then Solid Waste Management Rules and then Plastic Management Rules with amendment in 2016 and the list goes on in International Law also.

On 5th June 2018, the World Environment Day was celebrated by adapting to the theme BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION with the aim to focus on the growing issues of plastic pollution and to combat this disaster. However, to take care of these problem regulations alone are not adequate. It requires strong voluntary actions from all of us. We must remember the three R’s that are reduce the use of Plastic, Recycle the resources and Reuse the available resources in order to protect our beloved Mother Earth. Raising awareness of this issue will help people to seek alternatives to plastic in daily life. Covering these aspects Dr. Shilpa Sharma (Faculty, G.H. Raisonni Law School, Nagpur) had a talk on “Combating Plastic Pollution: A Legal Perspective”. And Second resource

person Ms. Rupali Gaikwad (Head & Faculty, Environmental Science Department, Fergusson College, Pune) covered the scientific perspective of the same.

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