



Celebration of World Environment Day -2023

Surendranath Law College, established in 1885, Surendranath Law College, located in Kolkata, stands as one of the oldest and most prestigious law institutions in India. Founded by the renowned nationalist leader Surendranath Banerjee, the college has a rich legacy of fostering legal education and contributing significantly to the development of legal professionals in the country. It has been a nurturing ground for prominent legal minds, politicians, and social reformers who have played pivotal roles in India's legal and political landscape. Over the years, Surendranath Law College has evolved to become a centre of academic excellence, offering a rigorous curriculum that combines traditional legal education with contemporary legal studies, ensuring that students are well-prepared to tackle the challenges of the modern legal world. With a strong emphasis on both academic and extracurricular activities, the college provides a holistic environment for students, encouraging participation in moot courts, legal aid programs, and various social and legal initiatives.

The United Nations Assembly established World Environment Day in 1972, which was the first day of the Stockholm Conference on the human environment. World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated every year with a specific theme and slogan that focuses on the major environmental issues of that time. World Environment Day, celebrated annually on 5th June, is a global platform that raises awareness about environmental issues and encourages actions for the protection of our planet. In 2023, the significance of this day was heightened by the increasing impacts of climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation, which have become urgent global concerns. The day provides an opportunity to engage individuals, organizations, and governments in discussions and actions aimed at addressing these challenges. The theme **for World Environment Day 2023, "Solutions to Plastic Pollution,"** underscored the pressing need to tackle one of the most pervasive environmental issues facing the world today.

As a leading institution of legal education, Surendranath Law College has a vital role to play in promoting environmental consciousness and sustainability, not only within its academic community but also in society at large. In celebration of World Environment Day, Surendranath Law College organized a thought provoking webinar on 5th June 2023 on the theme "**Solutions to Plastic Pollution.**" through Google Meet. The webinar raised awareness of the intersection between environmental justice and human rights, encouraging students to explore legal careers in environmental advocacy and policy-making. organized a thought-provoking webinar focused on the theme "Solutions to Plastic Pollution." The event was a resounding success, with students, faculty members, and legal professionals participating in a stimulating discussion on the critical role of law in addressing environmental challenges.

The keynote address was delivered by **Prof. (Dr.) Bismi Gopalakrishnan**, Dean, Faculty of Law, and Professor and Head at the School of Indian Legal Thought, **Mahatma Gandhi University**, who brought her vast expertise in environmental law to the discussion. The event lasted two hours, beginning at 11:00 AM. She began by tracing the evolution of environmental laws in India, from the early regulatory frameworks to the more comprehensive legislations like the **Environment Protection Act of 1986** and the **Plastic Waste Management Rules of 2016**.

The webinar commenced with an introductory speech by **Mrs. Debjani Ojha**, Assistant Professor, Surendranath Law College. She welcomed the participants and set the tone for the event, emphasizing the importance of World Environment Day and the need for increased legal interventions to combat environmental issues.

The webinar concluded with an end note by **Dr. Caesar Roy**, Assistant Professor, Surendranath Law College. He expressed gratitude to Prof. Gopalakrishnan for her enlightening presentation and thanked the participants for their enthusiastic involvement.

The webinar on World Environment Day 2023 was an enriching experience for all participants, offering valuable insights into the crucial role of law in addressing environmental challenges. It not only raised awareness about pressing environmental issues but also inspired future legal professionals to take an active role in promoting sustainability and environmental justice. The event concluded on a positive note, with the hope that students of Surendranath Law College will continue to champion environmental causes and contribute to a greener, more sustainable future.

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Presents
WEBINAR On the Occasion of
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION

Human Rights based approaches to plastic pollution

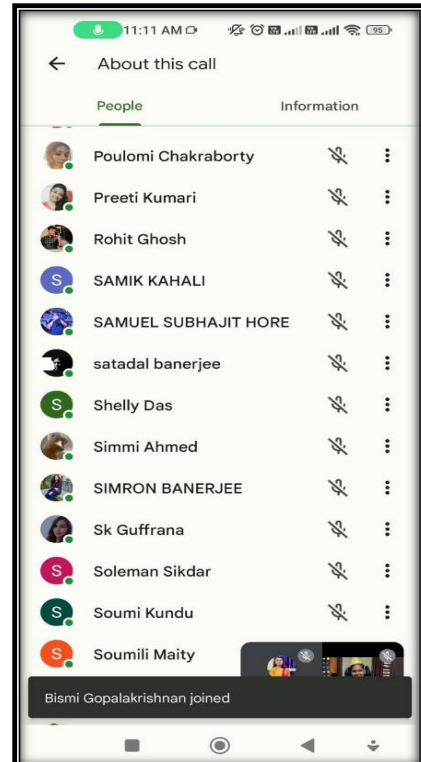
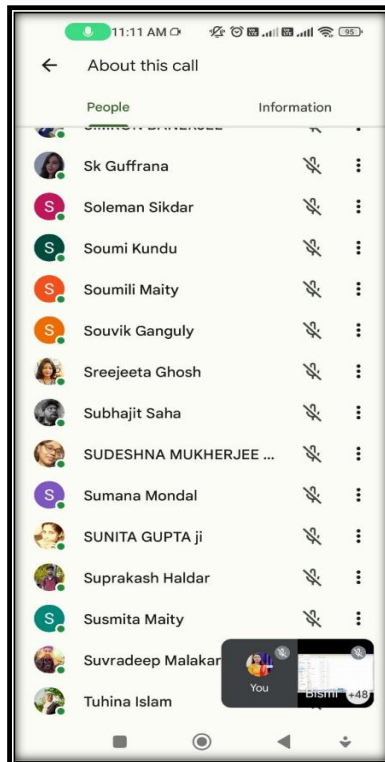
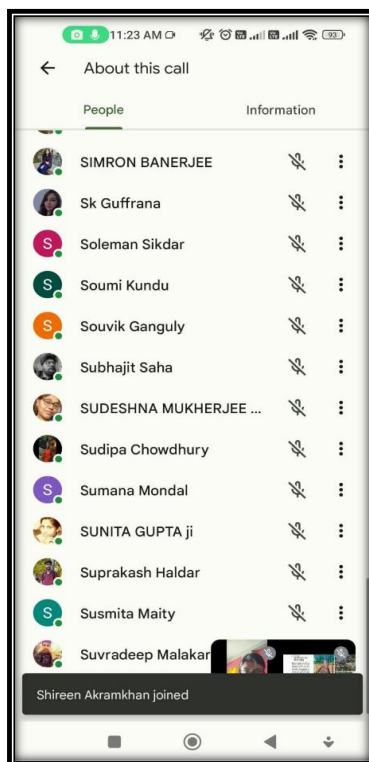
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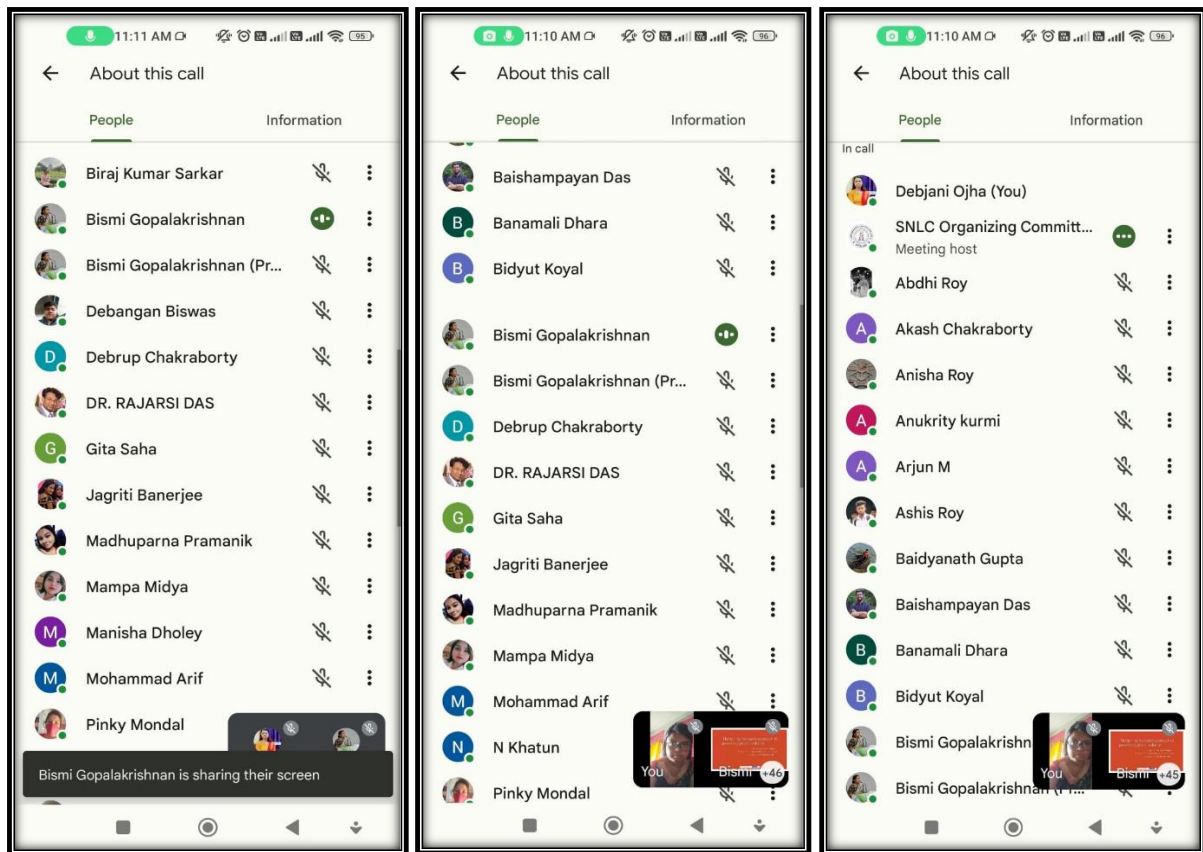
Key Speaker – Prof. (Dr.) Bismi Gopalakrishnan
Date – 5th June, 2023 (Monday)

Convenor of ECO CLUB – DEBJANI OJHA
Time – 11:00 AM IST Onwards

Mode – Google Meet

Glimpses for List of Attendees





Summary of Attendance:

Date	Total attendees	SC	ST	OBC & Minority	Teachers Engaged
05.06.2023	120	38	8	20	18