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Report of the World Environment Day conducted on 5th June 2023:

Under the aegis of Mission LIFE, and as a part of Environment Week celebrations, National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of the College in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Sciences organised a one-day seminar on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5th June, 2023. The event was conducted in the college conference hall and witnessed the participation of around 50 NSS Volunteers besides members from the faculty. The event started at 11:00 AM sharp and was moderated by the NSS Programme Officer, Mr Shahid Yousuf Gilkar. The rationale of the event was to sensitize the NSS Volunteers regarding the preservation of environment. The main theme of the programme was 'Solutions to Plastic Pollution.' The chief guest on the occasion, the Worthy Principal of the college, Prof Syed Eazaz Hussain Rizvi, presented the welcome address and formally inaugurated the proceedings of the event. The event was conducted in two phases. In the very first phase the resource persons from various departments deliberated on the various aspects of the theme. The Vice-Principal of the College, Dr Shabir Ahmad Padder, used statistical analysis to point out that the use of polythene in our daily lives is creating a havoc on the earth. The learned speaker highlighted the need to create awareness among people about how to minimise the damage that human activities cause the environment. He urged the volunteers to dedicate themselves to the cause of environment protection by adopting the principle of 3R's and saying No to plastic use. Dr Shahzada Ashraf, Senior Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science, spoke on the Role of NSS Volunteers in making the campus polythene free. Another resource person, Prof Abdul Haleem Wani, Head, Department of Chemistry, highlighted the menace of plastic pollution and suggested ways to curb it. The keynote speaker, Prof Pervaiz Ahmad Mir of the Department of Commerce, spoke at length on the broader aspects of the topic 'Innovative Solutions to Plastic Pollution.' The learned speaker shared some innovative ideas to curb the menace of plastic pollution by turning waste into a resource. For example, turning plastic into a fabric which can be made into T-shirts, bags and various other useful entities. Volunteers were greatly inspired after coming to know about Daan Roosegaarde, who was successful in converting Smog into Diamonds, hence reducing pollution and creating an opportunity of livelihood for people. In the second phase of the event an Oath/Pledge Ceremony was conducted. The pledge was read out by Nazima Nowshad, a 5th semester NSS Volunteer. Everyone present in the Conference Hall repeated the pledge after her, vowing to reduce the usage of plastic in their daily lives and preserve Mother Earth. The event concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks by the NSS Programme Officer, Mr Shahid Yousuf Gilkar.

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