People-centric or Citizen-driven

Urban Ecosystem Restoration In India

The Environment Club, Avani and IQAC, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi organized a webinar on the occasion of World Environment Day on the topic, **People-centric or Citizen-driven Urban Ecosystem Restoration in India** on June 5, 2021. The resource person for the webinar was Mr. Rijit Sengupta, the Chief Executive Officer of the Centre for Responsible Business (CRB). The event was attended by the faculty members and students from JDMC and outside. Prof. Swati Pal, Principal, JDMC graced the occasion. She commenced the event by explaining the importance of environment in enriching our lives.

Mr. Rijit Sengupta started the discussion by referring to his early life experiences of empowering the people to allow them to create healthy environment. He reflected on urban restoration and the kind of impact that environmental changes have in our lives. Further, he spoke about the Centre for Responsible Business and added that businesses can be and should be part of the environmental solutions as they have a direct impact on the ecosystem. He also informed about the theme for World Environment Day 2021, **Ecosystem Restoration** and pointed out how the vitality and diversity of earth's ecosystems are the basis of human prosperity and wellbeing. His focus was on concept of resilient ecosystem and how we, as a system, can try to improve our ability to adapt the changes around us. He concluded by talking about the ways in which citizens can be enabled and involved in the process of urban restoration. At last, he called out for action from the young millennial.

After the talk, posters made by the members of Avani on the occasion of World Environment Day were showcased and the event ended with an appeal to preserve and enrich the environment around us.

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