

## REPORT OF THIRD KASTURI TALK

“ It is common misconception that illiterates trigger the problem of garbage. There is however absolutely no relationship between literacy and management of garbage. The whole issue of garbage treatment centres around the attitude, aptitude and mindset of the people. Indifference, apathy and rejection of these traits lead to the problem of garbage management. Quite often it is observed that the highly literate people are worst offenders. Villagers do take pains in segregating garbage in their little own way and therefore the villages in Goa are still the cleanest.”

Shri. Sanjit Rodrigues, Managing Director of Goa Waste Management Corporation was speaking at Seminar Hall of Department of Management Studies, MES College of Arts and Commerce, Zuaringar – Goa during an interview by Shri. Parag Rangnekar of Foundation of Environment Research and Conservation (FERC) as a part of the third edition of “ Kasturi” a lecture series in the name of Late Dr. Kasturi Desai, who herself was an environmentalist and researcher. The programme was organized by Murgaon Education Society and Nature Club of MES College in collaboration with Foundation of Environment Research and Conservation ( FERC ), Goa on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018.

Shri. Sanjit Rodrigues further quoted that the systematic implementation of the garbage processing programme by the students of Gaval- Khol, Government High school in Canacona taluka where Headmistress, teachers, students and parents are jointly implementing garbage segregation programme on mission mode. He pointed out that teachers play a focal role in inculcating civic virtues among students. He further said that 408 schools have been enrolled under Zero Waste programme of Government of Goa. Attacking further on the use of plastic, Shri. Sanjit Rodrigues expressed that single use plastic should be totally banned.

In the discussion that followed, the various residents of Vasco, students and teachers participated. Dr. R.B.Patil, Principal of MES College, elaborated on Classroom Cleanliness Programme, being successfully implemented by the college for last 3 years.

Earlier Shri. Parag Rangnekar welcomed the gathering. Ms. Madhura Bandekar of FERC gave concluding remarks and proposed vote of thanks. The next talk of the series shall be held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at seminar Hall of Department of Management Studies, MES College of Arts and Commerce, Zuaringar – Goa.



Shri. Sanjit Rodrigues being interviewed by Shri. Parag Rangnekar