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REPORT OF THE 'KASTURI SERIES'

Session – Managing Household Waste

- **Date:** 30th September 2024
- **Time:** 12.00 noon to 1.15 pm
- **Platform:** Raj Tara Seminar Hall
- **Speaker for the Session:** Ms. Saritha Sudhakaran
- **Audience:** Teaching Faculty, Students and Public
- **No. of participants:** Male – 41, Female - 87

Report in brief:

The Nature Club and Resource Management Cell for Sustainability organized a session titled 'Managing Household Waste' as a part of its KASTURI LECTURE SERIES on the issues concerning you and me. The session was conducted on 30th September 2024 at 12.00 noon in Raj Tara Seminar Hall.

The resource person for the session was Ms. Saritha Sudhakaran, Urban Designer, Founder, Wasteless Project. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Saritha Sudhakaran oriented the attendees on the concept of Zero Waste. The session started with asking a question to audience as to how many of people love waste. Ms. Sudhakaran sensitised students on the importance of managing household waste. She added that Zero waste is managing entire house hold waste in size of a small jar. Zero waste is not necessarily no waste.

The session stressed on the fact that the Waste generation starts with people. Later the collection and transportation of waste happens. Normally the waste collection is done either by private or public agencies. The sorting and processing is normally done by low wage workers. Waste is processed either by way of Incineration / Recycling / Repurposing / Composting / Biogas. At time the Waste is utilised for Landfills. Many times it is just buried and most often it is openly dumped.

Ms. Sudhakaran highlighted that if the waste is given value, use and purpose, the waste can be managed better. She further added that Waste actually can be a resource. Waste actually might not be Waste. Labeling Waste is not correct.

She stressed that the Rethinking is required pertaining to way we think about waste. One should follow the three R's in managing waste i.e. Reuse, Re-value, and Recycle.

The session further oriented students on the steps involved in waste management. Segregation of Waste is a first step of resource recovery. One should Segregate resources into Glass and metal, Washed and dried plastic, Paper and cardboard, Non recyclables and Wet Waste. In the second step one should Compost the organic waste. In the third step one can started selling the recyclables. Furthermore, one should find alternatives for non-recyclables. It is must to carry one's own cloth bags whenever one steps out of house for his her daily necessities. One should Support local economy to avoid the materials which packed into hazardous plastic containers. The hazardous materials such as razors, sanitation pads etc. can be managed by giving to responsible collectors once a year or twice a year.

The session ended with a quote that 'Wasting less leads to sustainable living'.

The best takeaway for all the students present was the sharing of the thought that Mindful consumption is possible.

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