

Two day Symposium organized by IQAC, SLC in collaboration with Sparsh Ganga

SLC (University of Delhi) Shyam Lal College IQAC in collaboration with Sparsh Ganga organized two day symposium on 'Nature's Drive: Review-Rejuvenate Rivers'. SLC Eco club and NSS have also joined hands in the organization of the symposium and the cluster of inter-college activities spanning over two days.

Today, the Tuesday of September 2, 2019, the symposium was inaugurated by traditional lighting of lamp by Ms. Arushi Nishank, Chief Guest the noted environmentalist and Founder of Sparsh Ganga. Thereafter, the street show (*Nukkad Natak*) on the theme of rejuvenation of rivers in India was performed by the group of students at SLC followed by pledge was administered to students and the staff to contribute to the initiatives of cleaning and rejuvenating rivers. Thereafter, Dr. Kusha Tiwari, Convenor, IQAC, SLC briefly talked in Seminar on reviving and rejuvenating our rivers. She also informed the gathering of the various aspects of the seminar towards concretizing our effort for revival of rivers that form the part of symposium including cluster of inter college activities. Prof. Kar in his address on the occasion said that river pollution in India is getting worse and it poses serious concerns to the vastly populated country like ours. Therefore, he further observed, the initiatives such as the one ongoing are necessary but they should not remain confined to the academic campuses rather should be taken to the field. He further offered to help and encourage the various academic and student led groups of SLC to actively take up the initiative to clean up Yamuna River that is closer to the college premises with the help of other colleges.

Ms. Arushi Nishank in her address as a Chief Guest of the occasion appealed to the gathering of students and teachers to take up the work of cleaning rivers in their vicinity by sparing some time out of their daily routine. She reminded the gathering of the Indian traditions in relation to ecology that includes trees, rivers, birds and all living creatures and their conservation. She further noted that the deviations from our values have led to the modern day problems such as environmental pollution. Therefore, she emphasized, we must respect our rivers as they are essential for our survival and do everything possible for their revival and rejuvenation. She concluded by challenging gathering to be the part the river cleaning campaign that's being run across the country by Sparsh Ganga.

The symposium was concluded by giving away the certificates and prizes to winners from 15 different colleges that participated in 'Inter-College Innovative Ideas Competition', 'Poster Making Competition' and 'Rangoli Competition' followed by Tree plantation at the hands of Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar and Ms. Arushi Nishank, Dr. Prakash Kandpal and Dr. Kusha Tiwari and other faculties and students.