

The Department of Botany at Mount Carmel College organized an awareness program entitled "Re-Use of Plastic Waste and Vehicular Noise Pollution" on 21st March 2024. The event was held in the PG auditorium and was graced by the presence of two distinguished speakers, Sh. Rajkumar Dugar, Founder and Convenor of Citizens for Citizen (C4C), and Sh. Sreenivasulu M.R., Member of Citizens for Citizen (C4C), Bengaluru.

The primary objective of the program was to sensitize the UG and PG students about pressing environmental concerns such as plastic waste management and vehicular noise pollution. These issues pose significant challenges to sustainable development and urban living, and addressing them requires collective awareness and action.

Sh. Rajkumar Dugar delivered an engaging talk on the detrimental effects of plastic waste on ecosystems, wildlife, and human health. He emphasized the importance of adopting the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) approach to minimize plastic waste. His presentation highlighted innovative methods for repurposing plastic waste into useful products, thereby reducing its environmental footprint. Sh. Dugar also shared success stories of community-driven initiatives aimed at tackling plastic pollution and inspired the students to contribute to similar efforts.

Following this, Sh. Sreenivasulu M.R. addressed the critical issue of vehicular noise pollution, which often goes unnoticed despite its significant impact on human well-being. He explained how prolonged exposure to high noise levels can lead to health issues such as stress, hearing loss, and cardiovascular problems. Through interactive discussions, he provided practical solutions for mitigating noise pollution, including promoting the use of electric vehicles, adhering to traffic regulations, and fostering public awareness about noise control measures.

The program included a lively Q&A session where students actively participated by posing insightful questions to the speakers. This interactive segment underscored the students' eagerness to learn and contribute to environmental conservation. The speakers appreciated the enthusiasm of the students and encouraged them to take small yet impactful steps in their daily lives to reduce plastic waste and vehicular noise.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by a faculty member from the Department of Botany, who expressed gratitude to the speakers for their valuable insights and to the students for their active participation. The program was a resounding success, leaving the attendees more informed and motivated to address these environmental challenges responsibly.



