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## 'World Water Day' organized by Department of Civil Engineering 2020-2021

## A Talk on 'No Life Without Water', on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021

A talk on 'No Life Without Water' was organized to mark 'World Water Day-2021' by the Department of Civil Engineering, MVJCE, on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021, at 10:30 am, in Seminar Hall 4. All covid-related SOPs were followed. Around 45 students (UG and PG) and faculty members of the Department of Civil Engineering participated in this program. World Water Day is being celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> March every year, since 1993. It focuses on the importance of freshwater. World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness on the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis. The core focus of World Water Day 2021 is to support the achievement of sustainable development, water and sanitation for all by 2030. Water is critical to all of our societies and economies. Water is needed for everything we produce, manufacture and use, and for our livelihoods. Hence, the objective of the talk was to create awareness on the importance of water, its necessity, and how it can be better protected.

The dignitaries present at the event were Mr. C.R. Manjunath (Environmental Officer, Regional Head for Sarjapur Jurisdiction, Bengaluru), Dr. P. Mahabaleswarappa (Principal, MVJCE), Dr. N. Vetrivel (Head of Civil Engineering Department, MVJCE) and Prof. Muralidhara R (Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, MVJCE). The Master of Ceremony, Prof. Apoorva Kiran (Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, MVJCE) set the ball rolling with a brief note on the significance of celebrating 'World Water Day', and presented a video to illustrate this.

Then the dignitaries occupied the dais, and Dr. N. Vetrivel, delivered the welcome address, welcoming the Chief Guest, Principal, faculty and the students gathered. Prof. Swetha M.V (Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, MVJCE) introduced the Guest Speaker to the gathering. The opening remark was given by Principal Dr. P. Mahabaleswarappa.

The session was then taken over by the Guest Speaker Mr. C.R. Manjunath. He started by listing out the water problems that are currently prevalent in Bengaluru, highlighting the wastage and water pollution in the existing water bodies, and its deep impact on the environment and health of living beings. He briefed the audience on the restoration and refilling of many water bodies in and around Bengaluru, and also the problems faced in that process. He presented many real time images and case studies, showing the struggle for and the need of fresh water. He urged the participants to take an oath to save water for the future generation, and create a fresh and clean environment - it is the responsibility of every citizen around the globe to be a part of this exercise, so that we can make this world a better place.

It was a very interesting and informative session. In the end, the vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Dakshayini T.R (Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, MVJCE), extending gratitude to the esteemed Guest Speaker for his presence and for bestowing an excellent session, to the Management of MVJCE for providing an opportunity to organize such events, to the Principal Dr. P Mahabaleswarappa and Vice Principal Dr. M. Brindha for their constant support and encouragement. She also thanked the IT Helpdesk for their cooperation, and the faculty and students for their active participation.

## **Outcome of the Event:**

The talk created an awareness to value water, from the economic, social and other angles. The session helped the participants understand how water plays an important role in each of their lives. It also opened their eyes to how water is contributing in a big way to fight climate change. The participants understood the importance of sustainable, affordable, scalable water and sanitation solutions.

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Venue: Seminar hall 4 Date: 22-03-2021

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## "NO LIFE WITHOUT WATER"

On account of 'WORLD WATER DAY'

Organised Under the Banner of Department of Civil Engineering and IQAC, MVJCE

**Presided By** 

Dr.M.Brindha Vice Principal, MVJCE

Dr. P.Mahabaleswarappa
Principal, MVJCE

Prof.Vaman B.Gudi Registrar & COE, MVJCE

Venue: Seminar hall 4 MVJCE Campus on 20th March 2021 @ 10:30 AM to 12:00PM



Participants during a talk on 'No Life Without Water' organized by the Department of Civil Engineering, MVJCE on 22nd March 2021 to celebrate 'World Water Day'.



Dr. N Vetrivel, Head of Civil Engineering Department, MVJCE, delivering the welcome address.



Prof. Swetha M V, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, MVJCE, introducing the Guest Speaker to the gathering.



Prof. Muralidhara R, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, MVJCE, welcoming the Guest, Mr. C.R. Manjunath.



Principal Dr. P Mahabaleswarappa addressing the gathering.



Guest Speaker, Mr. C R Manjunath delivering his talk on 'No Life Without Water'.



Prof. Dakshayini T R, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, MVJCE, delivering the vote of thanks.