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JM Distinguished Speaker Programme
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Date: July 29th, 2024

Speaker: Ambassador Kalarickal Pranchu Fabian

Topic: Climate Justice in India and EU

Table Programme

2:00 pm	Arrival of dignitaries	
2:00 pm – 2:05 pm	Introduction to JM Chair Professor and JM Distinguished Speaker Program.	Richa Dwivedi , Asst. Prof., SLS Pune
2:05 pm – 2:10 pm	Lighting of the Lamp	Dignitaries on the Dais
2:10 pm – 2:15 pm	Welcome of the Guest	Prof. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur , Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune

		Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC- LAMP), Co-funded by EU
2:15 pm – 2:20 pm	Felicitation of the Distinguished Speaker	Prof. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC- LAMP), Co-funded by EU
2:20 pm to 2:25 pm	Introduction of the Guest	Richa Dwivedi, Asst. Prof., SLS Pune
2:25 pm to 3:15 pm	Topic: Climate Justice in India and EU	Ambassador Kalarickal Pranchu Fabian. Distinguished Visiting Professor, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, SIU Professor, Indian Society of International Law Formerly, Indian Foreign Service
3:15 pm to 3:25 pm	Q and A	Moderated by Richa Dwivedi

3:25 pm to 3:30 pm	Vote of Thanks	<p>Dr. Aparajita Mohanty,</p> <p>Deputy Director & Associate Professor, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, SIU</p>
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Dr. Shashikala Gurpur and Ambassador KP Fabian, lighting the auspicious lamp.

The session began with auspicious lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU and Jean Monnet Chair then extended her welcome to respected Ambassador Fabian and addressed the august gathering. She highlighted how unique the current position is, with this chair being the first one in Western India and the first to be held by a woman in Law. She emphasized the disparities in the developed and developing countries where the latter have been in the “receiver mode” rather than actively engaging. Thus, the Jean Monet chair posits a unique opportunity for developing countries like India and its institutions like SLS,

Pune to come forward and emerge as thought leaders in core areas of climate change policy and aim at aligning India's knowledge with the European Union. Dr. Gurprit also spoke about the broader notions of justice and the notions of climate justice in a globalized world with a different world order and this domain being an attempt to bring equilibrium between the two.



Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dean, Faculty of Law and JM Chair Professor addressing the gathering.

Building on Dr. Gurpur's words, Ambassador Fabian began his address by talking about how the idea of justice has evolved differently through the ages from St. Justinian to Bentham to Montesquieu but a single thread ties them all, the need to render people their due. The Ambassador then spoke about climate justice through the lens of corrective and distributive justice. He elaborated on the role of the "rich North" in causing this crisis and built on by stating that it is high time they take accountability and start investing so that the world can now move towards mitigation. His idea was very clear that mitigation costs need to be borne by the rich North and

that has also been the understanding per various protocols that form an integral part of the discourse.



Ambassador KP Fabian, the speaker for Distinguished JM Chair Programme on Climate Justice

Ambassador Fabian mentioned that various agreements concluded in the last decade and even recently like COP 28 extensively talk about a “damages fund” which outlines financial commitments of these nations, that unfortunately remained unmet even today. This raises larger questions of not only accountability but intent of collaboration without much action. Sir then spoke about the various climate tragedies that have taken place just recently like the Canada Forest Fires, Odisha and Assam floods which are indicative of the horrendous effects of climate change and they only seem to be moving in a worse direction.

Coming to India and EU, the Ambassador suggested that the two nations have so

much potential and scope for collaboration with India's rich ecological knowledge and EU's forward thinking, there can be great research projects not only conducted but implemented successfully. While the two stand on fairly low on consumption in the world average, they posit the advantage of leading the world towards a better outlook at climate justice.



Ambassador Fabian interacting the with audience

The participants also actively participated through their intriguing questions which aimed at assigning common but different responsibilities, to which Ambassador Fabian responded stating that there will always exist a gap between the Rich North and the rest of the world, which needs to change. He also urged for a better collaborative approach and adopting best practices from each other so that the outcomes become more impactful and purposeful.



Participants during Q&A session

Professor Aparajita Mohanty, Deputy Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune extended a heartfelt vote of thanks to Ambassador Fabian and the audiences and staff for their insightful contributions to make the event more meaningful and enriching



Organizers and students with Ambassador Fabian