

PRESS REPORT

TRAINING THE TRAINER PROGRAMME ON CLIMATE JUSTICE LAW, GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT AND POLICY

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Symbiosis Law School, Pune a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) has been consistently ranked in the top 10 law schools of the country by the National Ranking Agency NIRF of Government of India. In 2022, Symbiosis International (Deemed University) Pune has been awarded with Jean Monnet Chair on EU Climate Justice Law, Governance, Management and Policy (EUC-LAMP) (Co-funded by the EU) and Dr. Shashikala Gurpur has been conferred with the honour to hold the Chair as the Professor.

Under the prestigious Jean Monnet Chair (EUC-LAMP) the ‘Training the Trainers programme on Climate Justice Law, Governance, Management, and Policy’ was organised on the 20th January 2024 from 9.30 am to 6:30 pm to impart training to over 100 participants including various stakeholders like NGOs, Researchers, Youth, Academicians, Judges, and Barefoot Advocates.

The programme started with the lighting of lamp by the dignitaries followed by the welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC-LAMP Co-funded by EU), She discussed the array of major and minor environmental projects that the institution has undertaken as a part of the JM chair deliverables. She highlighted that the training programme had been designed to create awareness and disseminate information regarding climate change policies and discuss ways to implement them in our daily lives. She mentioned that the trainees of today would be the trainers of tomorrow. She emphasized upon the contributions of Dr. S.B. Majumdar, Chancellor of the Symbiosis International University, for instilling the idea of simplicity, green lives, sensitivity to all living beings, and most importantly, for the institution’s motto of ‘*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*’ to foster the idea of living in harmony with all those who share a cosmos with us, as core values of the institution. Dr. Gurpur felicitated the esteemed dignitaries Mr. Shivam Singh, CEO and Founder of ExploreiT, National Coordinator for Youth, Climate Reality Project India, Mr. Sathya Natrajan, Director for Community Outreach at ExploreiT, Lead Volunteer at Adar Poonawala Clean City and Mr. Lelith Daniel, Assistant Professor, Symbiosis Community Outreach

Programme and Extention (SCOPE), Symbiosis International University, were invited to the stage for the same.

Dr. Gurpur further conducted sessions on 'Climate Justice, Law, Policy, and Governance: European Union best practices, Simulation of Environmental Impact Assessment hearings and analyzing EIA reports, and how to design and execute Media campaigns, movements, and case studies of NGOs.

During the training session, the trainees participated in activity-based learning and with the help of sketching presented their ideas on environmental issues and climate justice. The activity-based learning was followed by a session by Mr. Claude Alvares renowned Environmental Activist, Director, Goa Foundation Editor, Other India Press, he discussed his life experiences to explain how to start an effective movement for environmental issues. Thereafter, Dr. Prakash Rao Dy. Director and Head - Energy & Environment Dept. at Symbiosis Institute of International Business (SIIB), Head, Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability, SIU discussed about Climate change and sustainability management perspectives in building a climate-resilient future. His address was followed by Dr. Manikprabhu Dhanorkar, Associate Professor and Deputy Head, Symbiosis Centre for Waste Resource Management, SIU, he highlighted the best Practices of Waste segregation.

The participants volunteered to reflect upon their leanings and are expected to cascade the learnings from the programme to create a multiplier effect based on the training manual. Participants expressed their appreciation for new learnings and will share a video of cascading.



