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Public Lecture
CHILD RIGHTS IN INDIA:
ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

by

Shri. Kailash Satyarthi

(Nobel Peace Laureate-2014)

Presentation on
“Sustainability, Productivity and Green Growth”

by

Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, IAS (Retd)

Director, ICRO



**17th March, 2023 at Bhim Hall, Dr Ambedkar International
Centre,
Janpath, New Delhi**



A public lecture on Child Rights in India and Presentation on “Sustainability, Productivity and Green Growth” was organized by Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi at Bhim Hall, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi. The event was sponsored by IPL Centre for Rural Outreach. The attendees included students and faculty of Lady Irwin College and external participants.

The dignitaries for this event were Shri. Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Laureate and Child Rights Activist and Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, IAS (Rtd), Director ICRO were invited as the guests of honor.

Before the start of the event, Dr. Anupa Siddhu, Director, Lady Irwin College felicitated all the dignitaries with Lengyan (traditional stall) and presented plants to all the dignitaries.

With the lighting of the lamp, the speakers marked the beginning of the event.



Dr. Rajeev Ranjan lighting the lamp

The welcome address for the event was given by Dr. Anupa Siddhu who gave an introduction about Lady Irwin College and the Department of Human Development and Childhood. She also highlighted that the Lady Irwin College has provided higher education for generations of women since 1932 and their mission is to accomplish training and development of young women for professional employment. She concluded the welcome address by saying the quote, “Little gestures can make big differences.”

The first speaker was Shri. Kailash Satyarthi who is an internationally acclaimed child rights activist from India who has been at the vanguard of the global movement to end child slavery and exploitation of children since 1980. He gave up a lucrative career as an Electrical Engineer for initiating crusade against child servitude. In 2014, he was honored with the Nobel Peace Prize for his tireless crusade against the oppression of children and youth, and his unwavering commitment to ensuring every child's right to education. With Satyarthi Movement for Global Compassion, he exemplifies a life guided by compassion, setting an unmatched standard in the field of social reforms.

He encouraged the audience by saying a Power House as they were a lot of empowering women. He also explained how he noticed the condition of children for the first time in 1980 as they were no action taken for the children by the civilians.



He gave up his career with the sudden urge to change the lifestyle of the children and started campaigning like “Bachpan Bachao Andolan” which gradually became a Global Campaign for Education. His mission is to have a child friendly world with no limitations “because sky is the limit”.



Shri. Kailash Satyarthi interacting with the audience

He explained the situation of children and how they need to be protected. He concluded his lecture by explaining the 3D formulas- **Dream; Discover; Do it;**

The second and last speaker of the event was Dr. Rajeev Ranjan who is a retired IAS Officer and given his services for 36 years in Government both in central and state level. He began his career as Sub-Collector in Tiruvannamalai (1987-89) and rose to be the Chief Secretary to Tamil Nadu Government in February, 2021. His main focus now is creating awareness on ESG for industry transformation and has initiated a rural outreach programme as Director of the IPL Centre for Rural Outreach (ICRO).

He presented a presentation on “Sustainability, Productivity and Green Growth”. He started the presentation by defining both Sustainability and Productivity and how they both can help to achieve a balanced growth. He explained the 5Ps of the Sustainable Development Goals- People; Planet; Prosperity; Peace; and Partnership. He also explained the importance of Productivity and how it is an important mindset to achieve that seeks the continuous improvement of what exists. It is a conviction that one can do better today than yesterday, and that tomorrow will be better than today.



He also addressed the topic of Lifestyle for Environment or LiFE, a campaign started by the hon'ble PM which is one of the important features to improve the standard of living. Dr. Rajeev Ranjan also pointed out to Climate change and its impacts and how the situation can get better.



He also spread the awareness on Environmental, Social & Governance for industry transformation and concluded his presentation by sharing a quote which was said by PM Narendra Modi, **“India’s G20 Presidency is inclusive, ambitious, and decisive and action oriented”**.



The Public Lecture came to an end with a small Q & A session from the audience.



Dr. Indra Chander, Associate Professor of the Department of Human Development and Childhood Studies proposed a vote of thanks at the end.



PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE EVENT:



Entrance of Bhim Hall, Dr Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi



**Shri. Kailash Satyarthi
and
Dr. Rajeev Ranjan**



Students and Faculty of Lady Irwin College