



**EXPERT LECTURE: HOW THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT CAN  
FIND ITS WAY AGAIN**

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Date: 18th December 2023

Time: 02:30 PM

Venue: Room C302, K.R. Mangalam University

Event Type: Expert Lecture

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: Pan University Students

Resource Person: Professor (Dr.) J. S. Yadav, Dean, SOAS

Coordinators: Dr. Deepak Kumar, Dr. Manju Rani, Mr. Prashant

Organized by: We Dost Counselling Center

Number of Participants: 50

### **Introduction**

The Chetna Society, in collaboration with K.R. Mangalam University, organized a thought-provoking expert session titled 'How the Environmental Movement Can Find Its Way Again.' The session aimed at rekindling the environmental movement by providing students with an understanding of its historical significance and exploring future directions for sustainability. The event featured Professor (Dr.) J. S. Yadav, a distinguished environmental expert, as the keynote speaker.

### **Objectives**

- To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the historical significance and impact of various environmental movements in India.
- To raise awareness about the role of rural communities in spearheading environmental movements and promoting sustainable living.

- To inspire students to become advocates for environmental causes and foster a sense of responsibility toward natural resource protection.
- To provide a historical context for environmental activism and its influence on policymaking in India.
- To emphasize the empowerment of rural communities in decision-making processes related to environmental issues.
- To create a platform for students to reflect on their roles as future environmental leaders.
- To instill a commitment among students toward building a sustainable future through innovative approaches.

### **Key Insights from Dr. J. S. Yadav's Session**

Dr. Yadav provided a comprehensive overview of significant environmental movements in India, including the Bishnoi Movement, Chipko Movement, Jungle Bachao Andolan, Appiko Movement, Narmada Bachao Andolan, and the Tehri Dam Conflict. He highlighted the pivotal role these movements played in protecting natural resources and promoting sustainable practices.

### **The Role of Impoverished Rural Communities**

A key takeaway from the session was the recognition that many environmental movements have been initiated and driven by impoverished rural communities. Motivated by the need to protect their environment and secure their rights over natural resources, these movements have significantly influenced policy decisions and grassroots change. Dr. Yadav emphasized the importance of empowering these communities and recognizing their contributions.

### **Acknowledgment and Appreciation**

Professor Anjana Singh, the Convenor of the event, expressed gratitude to Dr. Yadav for his enlightening lecture. She highlighted the importance of such sessions in fostering

awareness and inspiring the next generation of environmental leaders. The event encouraged students to reflect on their roles in shaping a sustainable future.

### **Conclusion**

The expert session organized by The Chetna Society provided students with valuable insights into the evolution of environmental movements in India. By exploring the historical context and emphasizing the crucial role of rural communities, the event inspired renewed enthusiasm among students for environmental advocacy. As society continues to face environmental challenges, drawing lessons from past movements and applying them to modern contexts will be essential for achieving a sustainable future.



Mr. Prashant observing the students while creating their ideas on paper about environment