

Preserving Life through Soil Conservation

Day & Date: Monday, 11/04/2022

Time: 11:05 am - 12:15 pm

Venue: 9th Floor Lecture Hall, Bombay Teachers' Training College.

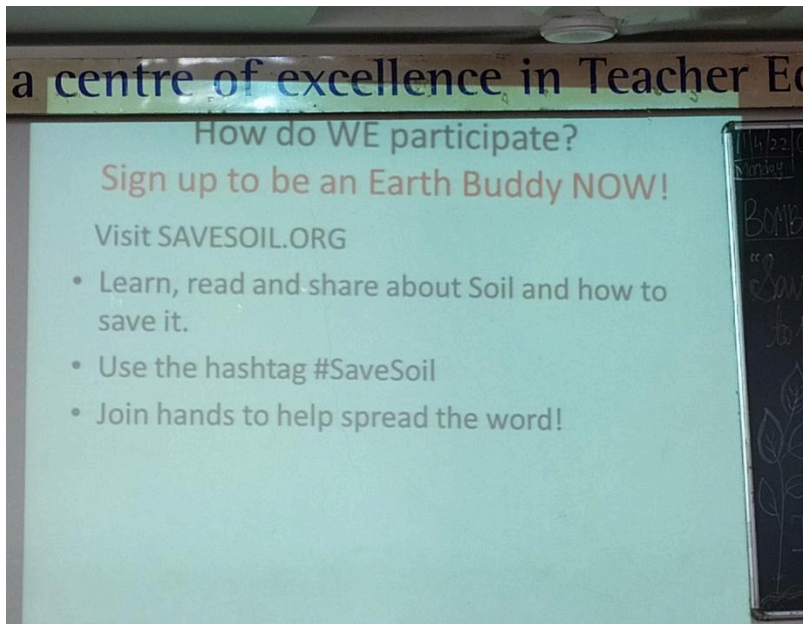
Resource People: Volunteers of Isha Foundation –
Ms. Shaili Swarup, Ms. Krishna Bastawala and Mr. Yash Mehta

A seminar on “Save Soil Initiative” was held at Bombay Teachers' Training College at 11:05 am on 11th April, 2022. The seminar was conducted by the NSS unit of Bombay Teachers' Training College in collaboration with Isha Foundation. Students of F.Y.D.El.Ed., S.Y.D.El.Ed., F.Y.B.Ed. and S.Y.B.Ed. attended the session in large numbers. There were a total of 98 attendees, of which a majority belonged to the F.Y.B.Ed. class. Three volunteers of Isha Foundation spread awareness about the conservation of soil. The introduction of the seminar was done by Ms. Dipannita Mondal, she welcomed everyone and talked in brief about soil.

The Isha Foundation volunteer, Ms Shaili Swarup started the seminar by talking about the soil extinction crisis, what are the factors affecting that like overgrazing, excessive use of fertilizers, use of modern agricultural equipment, etc. She also talked about food shortage and the lack of nutrients in the food; she gave an example that the quantity of nutrients available in one orange in 1920 is now available in eight oranges in 2020. Ma'am also shed light on the farmers' suicide around the world.



According to United Nations, most of the soil is degraded and only 45-60 years of good soil is left. We were informed how we can contribute to the “Save Soil” movement. There was an interesting dance routine taught to us by Ms. Krishna. A lot of the students enjoyed this particular segment. This was followed by question & answer session. A lot of students’ queries were resolved by the Isha Foundation Volunteers. This was followed by the volunteers informing us about the significance of being an “Earth Buddy”, how it helps in spreading the word, how do we go about signing up as one and the tasks to be undertaken. The Vice Principal, Mrs Mandeep Kochar gave her feedback and told the students to focus on the crucial message of soil conservation. The session was concluded by a formal vote of thanks presented by Ms. Ashlesha Pujara.



Mentor: Dr. Neelu Verma, Program Officer of NSS Unit, Bombay Teachers' Training College.

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