
Report on Guest lecture "Combating Poverty: Advancing Towards SDG 1" organized by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

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The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Integral University organised a guest lecture on December 8th, 2023, addressing the crucial topic of "**Combating Poverty: Advancing Towards SDG 1.**" The esteemed guest speaker for the event was **Prof. D.R. Sahu**, the **Head of the Department of Sociology at Lucknow University**.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by **Dr. Archana Pande**, who set the tone for the event. Following the opening ceremony, a poetry competition was held, featuring participants from both B.A. and M.A. students. The poetry predominantly focused on the culture of poverty, providing a unique artistic perspective on the challenges faced by the impoverished.

Post-poem competition, **Dr. Shahid Ali Khan**, the **Dean of the Humanities and Social Sciences**, shared his profound thoughts and experiences related to the topic. His insights added depth to the conversation, setting the stage for the main speaker.

The highlight of the event was the enlightening talk delivered by the guest speaker, Professor D.R. Sahu. He expounded on the concept of sustainable development in general and delved into the specifics of SDG Goal 1, which aims to eradicate poverty. His comprehensive discourse captivated the audience, providing valuable insights and perspectives on the multifaceted issue of poverty.

Prof. Zeba Aqil, the **Head of the Department**, then delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all attendees, participants, and especially Prof. Sahu for sharing his expertise. Prof. D.R. Sahu was honoured with a memento as a token of appreciation for his contribution to the event. The event concluded on a humanitarian note with a donation drive initiated by the guest speaker, the head of the department, and other faculty members. Warm clothes were collected for donation to those in need, aligning with the spirit of the talk to combat poverty.

In summary, the talk on "Combating Poverty: Advancing Towards SDG 1" was a resounding success, bringing together academia, poetry, and a commitment to making a positive impact on society. The event not only raised awareness about the challenges of poverty but also inspired action through the subsequent donation drive. The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Integral University continues to play a pivotal role in fostering discussions on critical social issues.



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