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**Report on-National Pollution Prevention Day on the theme of-"Clean Air, Green Earth: A Step Towards Sustainable Living by the Department of Pharmacy**

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**Report on  
National Pollution Prevention day  
(2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2024)  
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The **Department of Pharmacy, Integral University**, under the aegis of the **Mulya Pravah Committee**, a Quality mandate initiative, organized an awareness event to observe **National Pollution Prevention Day** on **December 2, 2024**. The event was held in alignment with **PO-10: Environment and Sustainability**, aiming to sensitize students about the environmental challenges and the need for sustainable solutions. The theme for the event was: "**Clean Air, Green Earth: A Step Towards Sustainable Living**" this theme emphasized the urgent need to adopt eco-friendly practices to reduce pollutants affecting our air, water, and soil. It underscored the necessity of clean air and a green planet for a healthy, sustainable future.

### **Historical Context**

National Pollution Prevention Day is observed annually on December 2nd in memory of the **Bhopal gas tragedy** of 1984, one of the world's worst industrial disasters. The accident involved the release of **methyl isocyanate gas** from the Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL) pesticide plant in Bhopal, leading to thousands of deaths and long-term health and environmental consequences. This day serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of pollution control and stringent safety regulations in industries and communities.

### **Theme and Objectives**

The event theme, "**Clean Air, Green Earth: A Step Towards Sustainable Living**", was aimed at promoting public awareness and encouraging actions that support environmental health and sustainability. It called for collective responsibility among individuals, communities, and institutions to reduce pollution and protect natural ecosystems.

National Pollution Prevention Day 2024 also aligned with several **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**:

- **SDG 3:** Ensure healthy lives by reducing pollution-related illnesses.
- **SDG 6:** Improve water quality and reduce hazardous chemical discharges.
- **SDG 7:** Promote clean and renewable energy solutions.
- **SDG 11:** Make cities sustainable and reduce urban pollution.
- **SDG 12:** Encourage responsible consumption and waste reduction.
- **SDG 13:** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.
- **SDG 15:** Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of ecosystems.

### **Role of Pharmacists in Pollution Prevention**

Pharmacists play a vital role in environmental health by:

- Educating the public about pollution-related health risks.
- Promoting **green pharmacy practices**.
- Ensuring the **safe disposal of unused and expired medications**.
- Supporting **eco-friendly healthcare initiatives** and monitoring pollution-related illnesses.

Their contributions are essential in creating a more sustainable healthcare system that also protects the environment.

### **Slogan Writing Competition (2nd December 2024)**

A **Slogan Writing Competition** was conducted in **online mode** on December 2, 2024. Students from various pharmacy programs- **D.Pharm, B.Pharm, M.Pharm, and Pharm.D**-enthusiastically participated. Each student creatively expressed their thoughts, emotions, and responsibilities through compelling and thoughtful slogans centered on the theme "**Sustainable Development for a Clean and Healthy Planet.**"

The slogans, accompanied by images, conveyed powerful messages of:

- **Raising Public Awareness**
- **Encouraging Sustainable Practices**
- **Strengthening Environmental Regulations**

The entries reflected the students' deep understanding of environmental issues and their commitment to being responsible citizens.

### **Participation and Impact**

A total of **approximately 95 students** participated in the event, showing commendable enthusiasm and awareness. The event successfully promoted the message of pollution prevention and the urgent need to shift towards sustainable living practices. All the participants were sincerely analysed and judged by our esteemed guests without any bias. The response given by students was marvelous. Each participant expressed their views regarding Pollution Control in a nicely and soft manner.

The results were declared without any bias.

| <b>Programme</b>           | <b>Date</b> | <b>Winners</b>                                    |
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| Slogan Writing Competition | 02-12-24    | Kartika Srivastava B. Pharm. 3 <sup>rd</sup> year |

The Slogan Writing Competition on National Pollution Prevention Day 2024 proved to be an effective means of engaging the community in the fight against pollution. Through creative expression, participants not only contributed to raising awareness but also inspired others to take proactive steps for a cleaner and healthier environment. The event served as a reminder that every individual plays a crucial role in preventing pollution and safeguarding the planet for future generations. This programme was successfully organized by programme coordinators.

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