



World Environment Day 2023 was celebrated in the University of Lucknow in the way most appropriate for the day itself, by involving teachers, karmacharis, and students alike. Igniting young minds and drawing on the vast intellectual resources of the university. The idea was to take the storytelling route to people's hearts and get them to understand that everyone is a part of the environment that we must save from harm. The honourable Vice-Chancellor, University of Lucknow, shared his thoughts sensitizing all in the university regarding environmental conservation via his invaluable message.



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The old banyan tree near gate no. 4 was the venue for kickstarting the environment awareness abhiyan. The tree, much older than the campus itself was the site for gathering of some of the sharpest minds among the faculty, drawn from areas as diverse as geology, literature, commerce and library science. Prof. Madhurima Lal, Director Sanskritiki, Prof. Vibhuti Rai, geologist of international repute, Prof. Shruti, Prof. Babita Jaiswal, Dr. Chhaya several NCC cadets and NSS volunteers graced the occasion with their energy and presence.

A large gathering comprising the above and students of the university were given a session of history-based storytelling by Prof. Rai who conveyed the legend of the ages old banyan tree and related the same to the age-old sentiment of environmental conservation that our ancestors have handed down to us. To percolate the tradition of environmental awareness and the need to protect it, Prof. Madhurima Lal, along with other teachers and students paid respects to the tree and also recounted the successful plantation drive of 2020, from which several plantlets have turned established as trees now, reducing the carbon footprint and making the area around the university significantly better than more distant areas.

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