

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's **Sardar Patel College of Engineering**



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The **Inauguration of Sustainability & Green Initiative Chapter (SPSGIC)** was held via Google meet, in the presence of the Principal, Dr. Hansa Jeswani, Dr. Shyamlee Solanki, Mrs. Kshitija Nadgouda, and Mrs Reshma Raskar-Phule.

SPSGIC is conceived with a vision to spread awareness in regards to sustainability and green living among the students, to bring out economic, social, and most importantly, environmental change.

The host, Shruti Sheth welcomed everyone and introduced the chapter and the activities that would be held. She also briefed about sustainability.

Dr. Hansa Jeswani, chief faculty co-ordinator who also elaborated about sustainability, SDGs, and how SPSGIC is the first Sustainability chapter started by an organisation/university.

Following her, Dr. Shyamlee Solanki congratulated the new beginnings of the chapter and called upon students of the college to continuously keep doing activities to ensure the activities of the club doesn't dry out. Mrs. Kshitija and Mrs. Reshma congratulated the students and gave their best wishes to the club.

Followed by the speeches of the teachers, many students spoke about why they are interested in being a part of this chapter and the topic they are most inclined to. Notably, Mr. Burhanuddin Saifee and Mr. Pranav Joshi, who briefly but eloquently spoke about the importance and application of Sustainability in their respective fields. Second year students also spoke about their interests in sustainability in their field. Ms. Rajlakshmi Gaikwad, from SY Civil engineering, pitched ideas about sustainable towns, and responsible consumption of resources. Mr. Raj Chaudhary, the co-ordinator of the event, explained to the participants the differences between environmental, human, social and economic sustainability.

Students also spoke about social challenges to the sustainable way of life. Littering around in the campus, the apathy regarding plastics. A general consensus was reached that the students also need to make a change in personal life, and make decisions that follow the rules- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Ending the proceedings, Principal sir gave his valuable words, wished luck to the chapter, and encouraged the students to join the cause.

The summarized the discussion and it with a vote of thanks from Akanksha Wadile.



