



**St. Vincent College**  
**(Affiliated to Savtribai Phule Pune University)**  
**Pune -411037**

Title of the Event	Interreligious Dialogue		
Date of the Event	29 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Place of the event	Online Mode
Objectives of the Event	To facilitate interreligious dialogue through the discussion of various themes		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	Mr. N.P.S. Bakshi		
A short narration of the program			
<p>On Tuesday, 29th October 2024, St. Vincent College hosted an Online Interreligious Talk on the topic "What is the Importance Given to Nature or the Earth in My Religion?" The session, held via Zoom from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, featured Mr. N.P.S. Bakshi, who provided insights into the Sikh perspective on the topic.</p> <p>Mr. Bakshi began by emphasizing the central role of nature in Sikhism, highlighting the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and other Sikh Gurus regarding the interconnectedness of all creation. He elaborated on the concept of “Pavan Guru, Pani Pita, Mata Dharat Mahat” (Air is the Guru, Water the Father, and Earth the Great Mother) from the Sikh scripture, Guru Granth Sahib, which underscores the reverence for natural elements as divine manifestations.</p> <p>The speaker discussed how Sikhism encourages sustainable living, respect for the environment, and gratitude towards nature for its bountiful resources. Mr. Bakshi also addressed contemporary environmental challenges and stressed the importance of adopting eco-friendly practices inspired by spiritual values.</p> <p>The talk concluded with a Q&amp;A session, where participants engaged in a thoughtful exchange of ideas about applying religious principles to address ecological issues. The event was well-attended and appreciated for its insightful exploration of nature’s spiritual significance across cultures.</p> <p>The session successfully highlighted the importance of fostering interfaith dialogue to promote environmental awareness and collective responsibility for the planet.</p>			
Name of the Collaborating Agency	Snehsadan Institute		
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	The participants learned about the perspectives on ecology from Sikhism		
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	To promote and facilitate interreligious dialogue through the discussion of various themes		



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No. of Participants	20
Faculty in Charge	Dr. Gilbi John
Documents Attached	1. Photograph



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**ST. VINCENT COLLEGE, PUNE 37**

**in collaboration with**

**SNEHASADAN INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION, PUNE 30**

**Inter-Religious Talk On**

**What is the importance given to Nature or  
the Earth in my Religion?**

**Sikhism**

**On**

**Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**



**Zoom Link**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89483514720?pwd=IG5s7A8BPqbxClCGaBMsrif5sBebMV.1>



**Mr. N.P.S. Bakshi**

**Zoom Meeting Details**

Meeting ID: 894 8351 4720

Passcode : 889403