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Title of the Event	Interreligious dialogue		
Date of the Event	19 th October 2024	Place of the event	Online mode
Objectives of the Event	To provide information through interreligious perspectives on different themes		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	Prof. Penna Madhusudan		
A short narration of the program			
St. Vincent College, in collaboration with Snehsadan Institute for the Study of Religion, successfully organized an online lecture on the topic “What is the importance given to nature or the earth in my religion?” The event took place on Saturday, 19th October 2024, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM IST via Zoom. The guest speaker was Prof. Penna Madhusudan, a distinguished scholar and former Vice-Chancellor of KKS University, renowned for his contributions to religious and ecological studies. Key Highlights of the Lecture: 1. Religious Perspectives on Nature: Prof. Madhusudan opened the session by discussing the reverence for nature embedded in various religious traditions. He emphasized how ancient scriptures and spiritual practices across cultures recognize the Earth as sacred and integral to human existence. 2. Insights from Indian Philosophy: Drawing from Indian philosophical traditions, particularly Vedic and Puranic literature, Prof. Madhusudan highlighted the idea of Prithvi (Earth) as a divine mother and the interconnectedness of all life forms. He explained how rituals, hymns, and practices in Indian religions honor nature as an expression of divinity. 3. Sustainability and Spirituality: The speaker elaborated on the role of spirituality in promoting environmental sustainability. He discussed the principle of Dharma (righteous duty) as a guiding force for humans to protect and preserve the Earth for future generations. Prof. Madhusudan emphasized that ecological balance is not merely a modern concept but a deeply ingrained value in religious teachings. 4. The Global Relevance of Religious Teachings: Prof. Madhusudan addressed how religious principles can contribute to contemporary environmental movements. He cited examples of global initiatives inspired by religious values, such as reforestation projects, conservation of natural resources, and advocacy for climate action. 5. Practical Applications in Daily Life:			



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The lecture included practical advice on how individuals can integrate ecological values from religious teachings into their daily lives. Prof. Madhusudan emphasized the importance of reducing waste, practicing moderation, and cultivating gratitude for natural resources.

6. Interactive Discussion:

The event concluded with a robust Q&A session, where attendees raised questions about reconciling modern lifestyles with traditional ecological values. Prof. Madhusudan provided thoughtful responses, encouraging participants to adopt small but meaningful changes in their routines to contribute to environmental sustainability.

Participation and Feedback:

The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and individuals from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds. Attendees expressed appreciation for Prof. Madhusudan's profound insights and his ability to connect religious wisdom with contemporary ecological challenges. The collaboration between St. Vincent College and Snehsadan Institute for the Study of Religion was lauded for fostering an enriching dialogue on such a relevant topic.

Conclusion:

The lecture by Prof. Penna Madhusudan highlighted the timeless wisdom of religious traditions in addressing ecological concerns. It served as a reminder of the universal responsibility to care for the Earth and inspired participants to reflect on their role in fostering a sustainable future. The event was a testament to the power of inter-institutional collaboration in promoting awareness and action for environmental well-being.

Name of the Collaborating Agency	Snehsadan Institute
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	The participants learned the various philosophical teaching of Hinduism which promote ecological practices
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	To promote and facilitate interreligious dialogue on different issues
No. of Participants	20
Faculty in Charge	Prof Gilbi John
Documents Attached	1. Photographs



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ST. VINCENT COLLEGE, PUNE 37

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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?**

Hinduism

On

Saturday, 19th October 2024

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



Zoom Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81279576322?pwd=DrwFtYgv7KeFEQQ21ABESlp7sapMJ.1>



Zoom Meeting Details

Meeting ID: 812 7957 6322

Passcode : 360368

**Prof. Penna Madhusudan,
former VC of KKS University**