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### Paricharya '21

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*"We do not need a handful of people doing zero waste perfectly.*

*We need millions of people doing it imperfectly."*

Plastic is the new parasite. This naturally non-biodegradable atrocity has subtly overtaken our lands, water bodies and homes. Plastic pollution has gradually become one of the world's most pressing environmental concerns. This evidence comes in the form of its ever-increasing production rate, which has surpassed the world's ability to recycle it.

Enactus MAIMS organized its flagship event 'Paricharya'21, a series of interactive and insightful discussions, built around the idea of tackling the menace of plastic. This event was closely related to one of Enactus MAIMS' projects named 'Pranada.' Paricharya' 21 was an amalgamation of two Panel discussions and a webinar which were held on October 29-30, 2021. The event saw an active participation of 161 students.

The panel discussions were on the following topics:

- a. Plastic: Junk or Novelty
- b. Plastic affecting Global Human Health

The topic of the webinar was Plastic Free Periods: Protecting Our Bodies & Preventing Plastic Pollution.

The First Panel Discussion aimed to enlighten the audience about the issues and solutions to plastic waste. Speakers for our First-panel discussion were the likes of Ankur Chawla, Shailendra Singh and Aakash Ranison, who impounded their views on the menace of plastic and discussed how plastic came as a solution but its unchecked consumption has become a threat for the entire planet.

The Second Panel Discussion was aimed at informing the viewers about the terrifying effects of plastic on Global human health. Speakers for our second-panel discussion were Mr. Tushar K. Bandopadhyay, Pinky Chandran and Nitin Srivastava, who shed some light on the issue of waste management followed by brands and youth's contribution in tackling plastic waste, the effect of plastic on global health, and how the use of plastic has made it a problem.

This was followed by the webinar, which aimed at sensitizing the masses about the harm being caused by the use of plastic pads and packaging. The resource person enlightened us on the basics of menstruation, menstrual hygiene and its disposal. The amazing world of biodegradable sanitary napkins was brought into light by the speaker as they gave their insights on other pressing topics like impact, awareness and product choice among consumers when it comes to environmental impact.

Therefore, it was concluded that conventional sanitary pads contain a high percentage of plastic but throw-away menstrual products are adding to the plastic epidemic, made worse by incorrect disposal. In the end, it can safely be said that we only have a 'PLAN A' when it comes to the

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