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## Corporate Environmental Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting.

A Guest Lecture on "Corporate Environmental Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting" was organized by the Department of Chemical Engineering, MVJCE on 30.07.2024 from 10.30 AM to 12.30PM in the Lecture hall 1, MVJCE. The Guest Speaker for the event was Mrs Soumya Srivastava, Manager and head, Environmental laboratory, Eurofins Scientific, Graphite India, Whitefield Bangalore.The lecture was attended by 40 participants from inside(facultyand students) of MVJCE.

## About the Speaker

Mrs Soumya Srivastava, Manager and head, Environmental laboratory, Eurofins Scientific, Graphite India, Whitefield Bangalore .She has 15+ years of experience in of analytical, R&D, End to end technical operation

A Brief Account of the Lecture. The session started with the welcome address by Ashika, Student, Department of Chemical Engineering for the faculty, students, and the guest speaker. She emphasized the necessity of the Guest lecture with day-to-day Environmental Responsibility.

Guest Lecture started with a discussion on the company's obligation to consider the environmental impacts of its operations and to take steps to reduce its ecological footprint. This includes practices such as reducing emissions, managing waste, conserving energy and water, and adopting sustainable resource use. Sustainability Reporting is a way for companies to communicate their environmental, social, and governance (ESG) practices and performance to stakeholders. These reports often include information on a company's environmental impact, efforts to reduce carbon emissions, resource efficiency, and contributions to sustainable development goals (SDGs). Sustainability reports are usually published annually and can be a key tool for transparency and accountability, helping companies build trust with stakeholders, including customers, investors, and regulators. Together, CER and sustainability reporting are critical components of a company's broader strategy to align with global environmental goals and demonstrate commitment to sustainable business practices. This not only helps in managing risks and complying with regulations but also enhances a company's reputation and can lead to long-term financial benefits. The guest discussed the need of Environmental Responsibility.

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TheSpeaker stressed Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) is the ethical duty of companies to minimize the environmental harm caused by their activities. It involves integrating environmental considerations into business operations, from raw material sourcing to product design, manufacturing, distribution, and disposal. CER goes beyond mere legal compliance, encouraging proactive measures to protect and improve the environment..Finally, the speaker concluded the presentation by elaborating on the present scenario and major threats related to it.

After the presentation, a Q&A session was conducted where the Speaker addressed the queries of attendees are clarified during the Guest Lecture session.

The lecture concluded with a vote of thanks to the MVJ management, Principal, CoE of MVJCE for providing this opportunity to gain knowledge on the Corporate Environmental Responsibility. The event organizers are grateful to Guest Speaker. A special mention to

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## **Outcome of the Event**

The lecture enabled theattendees to strengthen their knowledge on Corporate Environmental Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting are interconnected practices that help companies manage their environmental impact and communicate their sustainability efforts to stakeholders. By adopting strong CER practices and transparently reporting on their sustainability performance, companies can not only mitigate risks and comply with regulations but also build trust, attract investment, and achieve long-term business success in an increasingly sustainability-conscious market. The event was an eye opening session for attendees.

Dr. Nikita Rajpal Guest Lecture Organizer Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering MVJCE