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Introduction

The Institution of Engineers (India), Nashik Local Centre successfully organised a one-day session on “Environmental Sustainability: The Role of Eco-Friendly Funeral Practices” on 22 January 2026 at its premises in Nashik.

Environmental sustainability has emerged as a critical global concern, demanding responsible practices in all aspects of human life, including end-of-life rituals. Traditional funeral practices often result in excessive consumption of natural resources, increased emissions, and environmental degradation. In this context, eco-friendly funeral practices offer sustainable alternatives that respect cultural sentiments while minimising environmental impact.

The programme was graced by the presence of Municipal Commissioner of Nashik, Mrs. Manisha Khatri, and Additional Municipal Commissioner, Mrs. Karishma Nair as Chief Guests. Scientist Mr. Yogendra Saxena from the Central Pollution Control Board delivered an expert lecture on eco-friendly last rites. On this occasion, the Nashik Citizens Forum also launched its public awareness campaign titled ‘Moksha’, aimed at promoting environmentally responsible funeral practices.



Abstract of the Programme

The programme focused on spreading awareness about environmentally sustainable alternatives to conventional funeral practices. Traditional methods often contribute to air, water, and soil pollution and place significant pressure on natural resources. The session aimed to highlight sustainable and culturally acceptable alternatives to these practices.



Through expert lectures and interactive discussions, participants were educated about the environmental consequences of existing funeral practices and introduced to eco-friendly alternatives. The programme emphasised the importance of adopting sustainable approaches in end-of-life rituals and encouraged societal acceptance of environmentally responsible practices.

The initiative aligns with the objectives of The Institution of Engineers (India) by integrating engineering principles, environmental stewardship, and social responsibility.

Mr. Anand Bora said that it was truly an honour and privilege for him to be present and to share his thoughts on the important and sensitive subject of environmental sustainability and the role of eco-friendly funeral practices.



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He stated that nature has always been an integral part of human life and that traditions, rituals, and cultural values are deeply connected with the environment. However, he mentioned that while following certain practices over generations, society often overlooks their environmental impact. He emphasised that the need of the hour is to preserve cultural values while adopting sustainable and environmentally responsible practices.

Sharing his journey as a wildlife photographer and conservationist, he said that he had witnessed the fragile balance of nature. He informed that he had rescued and rehabilitated more than 5,000 injured birds and participated in planting over 20,000 saplings. With the active participation of students and nature lovers, nearly one lakh forest fruit seeds had been sown in the hills around Nashik. He highlighted that such small efforts demonstrate how individual contributions can create meaningful environmental impact.

Mr. Bora further said that one of the major environmental concerns today is the improper disposal of floral waste, commonly known as Nirmalya. He explained that for the past three decades, through the initiative "From Nirmalya to Flowers," efforts have been made to create awareness about avoiding immersion of floral waste in rivers and promoting its conversion into compost. He added that such simple behavioural changes can significantly reduce pollution and help protect water bodies.

He also mentioned that through workshops on eco-friendly Ganesh idols made from natural clay and initiatives such as "Let's Get to Know Birds," efforts are being made to connect citizens, especially the younger generation, with nature and environmental responsibility.



Valedictory Session

The seminar concluded with a valedictory session and a vote of thanks proposed by Hon. Secretary Er. Vedant Rathi, who expressed gratitude to the speaker, dignitaries, participants, and organizing team for the successful conduct of the programme.

The programme was graced by the presence of several eminent dignitaries and members, Chairman Er. Samir Kothari, Hon. Secretary Vedant Rathi, Past Chairman Er. Sumit Khinvasara & Er. Narendra Birar, Hon. Jt. Secretary Er. Dhiraj Picha & Er. Dipak Patil, Er. Santosh Sancheti and other members were present for the Programme.

