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WEBINAR ON WORLD OZONE DAY 2024

“Earth without ozone is like a house without a roof”.

On the occasion of the **30th World Ozone Day**, the **Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEF&CC)** organized an insightful webinar in **New Delhi** to raise awareness about the significance of the ozone layer and the measures needed to protect it. **Eco Club incharges and students from Jaspal Kaur Public School, Shalimar Bagh**, actively participated in the event to enhance their understanding of environmental protection and sustainable practices.

The webinar was presided over by Dr. Chetna Anand, Senior Scientific Officer, Environment, who set the tone for the discussions by emphasizing the vital role of the ozone layer in shielding life on Earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation. The highlight of the event was a talk by Dr. Arpan Patra from the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), who elaborated on the causes and consequences of ozone layer depletion. He explained the mechanisms involved in the natural process of ozone depletion and formation, with a particular focus on the damage caused by human activities, such as the release of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and other pollutants.

Another key speaker, Mr. Jai Kumar Gaurav from GIZ India, discussed the significance of the Montreal Protocol, highlighting its role in reducing ozone-depleting substances and linking its success to broader climate change mitigation efforts. Mr. Gaurav emphasized that implementing the Protocol effectively is crucial for addressing global environmental challenges.

Ms. Tushita Rawat, Programme Manager of Environment Education at the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), India, engaged with students and encouraged them to take small, yet impactful, steps in their daily lives to contribute to the preservation of the ozone layer. She offered practical advice on reducing pollution, promoting eco-friendly products, and spreading awareness about environmental conservation.

In addition to the webinar, students from classes VIII to XII of Jaspal Kaur Public School also participated in a poster-making and slogan-writing competition organized by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) under the MoEF&CC on 30th August 2024. The creative expressions of the students underscored their commitment to environmental stewardship.

World Ozone Day serves as a reminder of the critical role the ozone layer plays in sustaining life on Earth. It also reinforces the urgent need for climate action and the implementation of sustainable practices to protect the ozone layer for future generations. The webinar not only educated students but also inspired them to take a more active role in safeguarding the planet.

