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**REPORT ON AWARENESS PROGRAM ON "ROLE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE IN CURBING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES"**

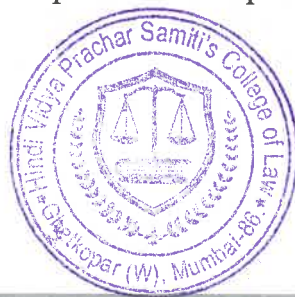
The awareness program organized by HVPS Community Engagement Cell held on **22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022** on the **"Role of Forensic Science in Curbing Environmental crimes"** was a pivotal initiative aimed at illuminating the crucial intersection between forensic science and environmental protection. Led by experts in forensic investigation and environmental science, the program delved into the innovative ways forensic techniques can be leveraged to address environmental crimes and safeguard natural resources. Attendees were enlightened on how forensic tools such as DNA analysis, chemical fingerprinting, and remote sensing technologies play a pivotal role in investigating and prosecuting environmental offenses, including wildlife trafficking, illegal logging, and pollution incidents.

Throughout the program, participants gained a deeper appreciation for the multifaceted applications of forensic science in environmental conservation and enforcement. Case studies and practical demonstrations showcased how forensic evidence can be instrumental in identifying perpetrators, linking crime scenes to illegal activities, and gathering actionable intelligence to combat environmental degradation. Moreover, discussions underscored the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration between forensic experts, law enforcement agencies, environmental organizations, and policymakers in combating environmental crimes effectively.


By fostering greater awareness and understanding of the role of forensic science in curbing environmental harm, the program empowered students to become advocates for the integration of forensic techniques into environmental protection strategies. Participants were inspired to explore innovative approaches and partnerships that harness the power of forensic science to enhance environmental stewardship, strengthen regulatory frameworks, and hold perpetrators of environmental crimes accountable. Ultimately, the awareness program served as a catalyst for collective action, driving momentum towards a more effective and sustainable approach to safeguarding the environment for present and future generations.

**Program outcome**

The program seeks to enhance investigative capabilities, promote accountability, and deter illegal activities that harm the environment. Through advanced analytical techniques and expert testimony, it aims to strengthen law enforcement efforts, facilitate the prosecution of offenders, and ultimately contribute to the protection and preservation of our natural resources for future generations.



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