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The Mission LiFE (*Lifestyle for Environment*) awareness programme was successfully organized by the NBRI-EIACP programme centre at Army Public School, S. P. Marg, Lucknow to spread awareness about sustainable living and environmental conservation among students and teaching staff on 21 July 2025. The event aimed to instill eco-friendly habits and encourage the school community to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives.



The program was inaugurated by the chief guest, Mr. Abhishek Rathore, IAS & CEO Cantonment Board, Lucknow, with the lighting of the lamp. In his address, he highlighted the importance of trees and the environment and urged the students to harmonize with nature for sustainable development. Col. Ritesh Kumar, Additional Officer (Tech) and Dr. Vijaya Srivastava, Assistant Professor at The English and Foreign Languages University also spoke about the importance of plantation, highlighting its role in combating climate change, improving air quality, conserving biodiversity and creating a sustainable environment for future generations.



At the beginning of the programme, students presented various performances such as poems, dances, and skits on saving plants and the environment, which captivated everyone.



As part of the programme, a **plantation drive** was conducted within the school premises. Students, teachers, and staff actively participated by planting a variety of **shade-giving Neem** (*Azadirachta indica*), **Peepal** (*Ficus religiosa*) **fruit-bearing, Imli** (*Tamarindus indica*), **Jamun** (*Syzygium cumini*) and ornamental plant, **Tecoma** (*Trumpetbushes*) . The total no. of plants was 20. The initiative not only enhanced the greenery of the campus but also reinforced the importance of trees in combating climate change and improving air quality.



During the session, Dr. Anju Patel, Scientist, Environmental Technologies Division, CSIR-NBRI & Co-coordinator NBRI-EIACP Programme Centre addressed students on Mission LiFE themes, emphasizing simple lifestyle changes such as reducing single use plastic, conserving water and energy, and adopt healthy lifestyle practices. She encouraged students to adopt eco-

friendly habits, and highlighting how small actions can collectively create a significant impact on environmental sustainability.



Later, Dr. Sandhya Mishra, Programme Officer, NBRI-EIACP elaborated Green Planner Application. It is a comprehensive database, which provides information about various plant species effective in reducing air pollution. The app helps users select suitable plants for

different locations, including roadside areas, road dividers, greenbelts, and indoor spaces, while also providing information about their environmental benefits.



The registration process was managed by Ms. Anamta Nafees, Data Entry Operator, NBRI-EIACP and Mr. Manish Chaudhary I.T. Officer, NBRI-EIACP captured photographs of various aspects of the program. In the same sequence, Dr. Vartika Singh, Information Officer, NBRI-EIACP distributed knowledge product like flyer, newsletter etc. to students which contains information relation to Mission LiFE theme and Plant & Pollution.



Interactive activities motivated students to become “Pro-Planet People” and ambassadors of sustainable living. The event witnessed 280 students, including teachers, and staffs.

The combined effort of the programme and the plantation drive created a strong message of environmental stewardship. The event concluded with students taking an oath to care for the planted saplings and spread the ideals of Mission LiFE within their families and communities.


