

Revitalizing our Oceans



Students of class 9,10 and the Biology stream of class 12 were given the opportunity to attend a webinar on the topic “Revitalizing our Oceans” on the occasion of World Oceans Day 2022 on 8th June. The webinar was organised by TERI and the US Consulate General Chennai and included a panel of 4 speakers.

Dr. Angeline Archana briefed the students on the maritime industry of South India with reference to Tamil voyagers. She spoke about the sea faring communities, different kinds of merchants of the period and the different kingdoms and their maritime doctrines.

The next speaker, Prof. Ramachandra Bhatra threw light on the topic ‘Oceanic Health and Communities’. He elaborated on the scenario of marine fisheries, and threats to different marine ecosystems.

The third speaker, Dr. Ravidas Naik concentrated on oceanic life partners and their role in global climate. He spoke about phytoplanktons and their importance and further addressed the issue of microplastics.

The final speaker, Mr. Santhosh Kumar focused on climate change and Indian oceans. His lecture on the changing climate was statistically driven accompanied with charts and graphs.

The session also included interactive quizzes and discussions on the various initiatives taken by TERI and the US Consulate General. The much-awaited result of the poster making competition on the topic ‘Glow up the Earth: Invest in our Planet’ was announced. Out of 367 entries from across the nation, Shrinidhi of class X N won the first place and Sashrika Govindarajan of class IX G won the consolation prize. The webinar left the attendees with an understanding as to why conserving the ocean is important and the need for imminent action.