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## TMU Hosts Padma Bhushan Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi in 9th Leadership Talk Series



### Leadership Talk Series on the Theme “Ecology and Economy in One Footstep” at TMU

Teerthanker Mahaveer University (TMU), Moradabad, proudly hosted the 9th session of its Enlightening Leadership Talk Series, centered on the theme “Ecology and Economy in One Footstep.” The event featured Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri awardee Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi, widely revered as the Mountain Man of India. Dr. Joshi is a celebrated environmentalist, green activist, and the visionary founder of the Himalayan Environmental Studies and Conservation Organization (HESCO).

The session was graced by Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Prof (Dr.) V. K. Jain as the Chief Guest. The event commenced with a holy lamp-lighting ceremony, signifying the pursuit of knowledge and the dispelling of ignorance, followed by a formal felicitation of the guest of honor.



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## About the Eminent Resource Person: Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi

Dr. Joshi has spent over 36 years pioneering resource-based rural development, with a sharp focus on environmental sustainability and economic self-reliance in the Himalayan region. A former academic, he transitioned into full-time activism by founding HESCO, where he promotes the philosophy of “Local needs meet locally.”

His numerous contributions include:

1. Reviving traditional watermills
2. Initiating the WISE programme (Women’s Initiative for Self-Employment)
3. Advocating for Gross Environmental Product (GEP) as a measure of ecological growth
4. Rejuvenating Himalayan streams and orchards
5. Publishing “Baccho ka Akhbaar” for eco-awareness in over 3,000 villages

Dr. Joshi's remarkable work has earned him over a dozen national and international accolades, including the Padma Bhushan (2020) and Padma Shri (2006), among others.

## Session Highlights: Bridging Ecology and Economy

In his profoundly impactful talk, Dr. Joshi addressed the urgent environmental challenges faced today: climate change, deforestation, pollution, and natural resource depletion. He emphasized the critical connection between ecological preservation and economic growth.

### Key Themes and Takeaways:

#### 1. The Philosophy of “One Footstep”

Dr. Joshi introduced his distinctive concept of “One Footstep,” which encourages individual responsibility in sustainability. He reiterated that small acts like planting trees, conserving water, and reducing waste can collectively create a massive ecological impact.

#### 2. Balancing Growth with Conservation

He discussed how unsustainable industrial, agricultural, and urban practices have severely affected natural ecosystems. Dr. Joshi made a case for eco-friendly alternatives, especially in renewable energy, organic farming, **and** waste management.



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### 3. Community-Centric Environmental Solutions

Drawing from HESCO's grassroots initiatives, he illustrated how rural empowerment and environmental stewardship can go hand-in-hand. Localized, inclusive, and sustainable models, he noted, are key to long-term development.

### 4. Youth as Agents of Change

Addressing TMU students and faculty, Dr. Joshi stressed the vital role of youth in shaping an environmentally secure future. He encouraged academic institutions to cultivate environmental consciousness through both curriculum and action.

### Interactive Engagement and Reflections

The session concluded with a vibrant Q&A segment, during which students raised questions related to:

1. The intersection of technology and conservation
2. Mobilizing communities for sustainability
3. Practical steps individuals can take towards ecological preservation

Dr. Joshi responded with optimism and clarity, motivating participants to become proactive stewards of the environment.

### Conclusion and Acknowledgements

In the concluding remarks, Dr. Parveen Kumar Jain, Dean – Agriculture, extended heartfelt thanks to Dr. Joshi, the attendees, and the organizers. The session was meticulously coordinated by Dr. Neha Anand (Assistant Director – Academics) and Dr. Varun K. Singh (Deputy Registrar, Dean's Office), whose efforts ensured a seamless and enriching experience. The event served as a powerful testament to TMU's commitment to environmental awareness, sustainable development, and academic excellence. Dr. Joshi's closing words echoed in every mind present: "Ecology and economy are inseparably linked. Only when we prioritize the health of our planet can we ensure true, long-lasting economic stability."



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## **Padma Bhushan Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi for the 9th Leadership Talk Series at TMU**

By inspiring both students and faculty with a forward-thinking vision for sustainable development and social change, TMU continues to nurture a culture of leadership and innovation. The university actively promotes dynamic engagement with renowned thought leaders, empowering its academic community to embrace ethical responsibility, creative problem-solving, and impactful actions that address today's most pressing sustainability challenges. Through these ongoing interactions and initiatives, TMU solidifies its role as an institution committed to holistic growth, inclusive progress, and meaningful contributions to society's sustainable future.