SIES COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE AND COMMERCE (AUTONOMOUS), SION WEST, MUMBAI - 400 022

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

A. Title of the Seminar/Workshop/Conferences:

BARC technologies for solid waste management through biological route

B. Background:

Proper management of waste is important for building sustainable and liveable cities, but it remains a challenge for many developing countries and cities. Areas with developing economies often experience exhausted waste collection services and inadequately managed and uncontrolled dumpsites. Thus, commemorating 75th Year of India's Independence, "Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav", Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai jointly organized a webinar on "BARC technologies for solid waste management through biological route" with SIES College of Arts, Science & Commerce College (Autonomous), Mumbai (Sponsored by Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Government of India)

C. Aims/Objectives:

The webinar had three eminent speakers enlightening the audience on different waste management topics. The main objective of the webinar series was to introduce the participants to:

- 1. Biomethanation technologies for processing cow dung to Biomass waste with reference to Nisargruna technology
- 2. Food Mile/water footprint of food
- 3. Different composting technologies for biodegradable waste with reference to Rapid composting technology of BARC

D. Location:

The program was conducted using the online platform MS Teams. It was followed by a question-answer session between the resource person and participants.

E. Target audience/participants with expected number:

64 Undergraduate and postgraduate students

F. Details of Sessions:

The session was held on Saturday, 28th August 2021 between 3:00 - 5:00 pm

G. Session and names of Resource Persons:

The webinar had three independent sessions delivered by eminent speakers:

Sr. No.	Title	Speaker & affiliation
1.	Overview of Biomethanation technologies	Dr. Sayaji Mehetre,
	for processing cow dung to Biomass waste	Scientific Officer F, Nuclear Agriculture
	with reference to Nisargruna technology	Biotechnology Division, BARC, Mumbai
2.	Food Mile water footprint of food	Dr. Sachin Mandavgane,
		Associate Professor, Department of
		Chemical Engineering, VNIT, Nagpur
3.	Overview of different composting	Dr. Darshana Salaskar,
	technologies for biodegradable waste with	Scientific Officer E, Nuclear Agriculture
	reference to Rapid composting technology	Biotechnology Division, BARC, Mumbai
	of BARC	

H. Expected outcome:

The feedback of participants stated that they found the session to be immensely insightful and informative. The participants were made aware of recent topics like water foot-printing.

The program helped them to understand:

- 1. Water footprint of various commodities
- 2. Various biological technologies used for biodegrading wastes and biomass processing
- 3. Nisarguna Technology and Promoting sustainability and recycling to reduce waste

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Annexures 1: Detail of the Resource persons

- Dr. Sayaji Mehetre has been working as a Scientific Officer at the Nuclear Agriculture and Biotechnology Division, BARC, Mumbai since 1999. His education qualification includes a PhD in Microbiology from Mumbai University in the year 2008. He completed his Masters in Agriculture from Mahatma Phule Agriculture University, Rahuri in 1996. He was a visiting Scientist at Northern Illinois University, United States of America (USA) during the year 2011- 2012. Sir, has about 50 research papers published journals of national and international repute and he has authored popular articles in national newspapers. Also, Dr. Mehetre is an editorial board member and reviewer of many scientific Journals. He has 03 patents to his credit and has developed 08 technologies which are widely used by industries and farmers across the country. He has been acknowledged by various awards like Government of India DBT-CREST Award (2011), Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) Group achievement Award (2010 & 2015) as well as Dr. E. J. Wevai Memorial Award (1995) as a university topper.
- Dr Sachin Mandavgane is an Associate Professor and Head of Chemical Engineering Department at the Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur. He obtained his B. Tech degree in chemical engineering from LIT Nagpur in year 1999 followed by a Ph. D in chemical engineering from the same institute in 2008. His research specialization includes biomass and waste utilization, bio refinery, sustainable engineering and scientific validation of traditional sciences. He has the authored around 125 publications with 2450 citation and h-index 27. He has produced 9 PhDs and has 7 patents to his credit. He has also developed an innovative process of making light weight and thermal insulating construction material using paper mill waste. His technology of making ultra-fine powder neem bio pesticide is purchased by 20+ companies till now. He has designed and commissioned a potato peel biorefinery plant which is the first of its kind globally. His process of on-farm paddy straw digestion to manure has been successfully commercialized in West UP. He also offers consultancy to industries to perform Life Cycle Assessment. Dr. Sachin is an advisor (for Innovation) to corporate houses like Merino Industries Ltd and is a coordinator of Grassroot Innovation Center. He mentors startups like Sus-Tech Solutions working in the area of sustainably issues. He also offers a course 'Innovative Design' to nurture open and inclusive innovation. He is among the first few in India to develop a credit course on 'Sustainable Engineering'.
- Dr. Darshana Salaskar joined Bhabha Atomic Research Centre in the year 1996. She completed her Masters in Biochemistry and Ph.D in Microbiology from Mumbai University. She is currently designated as Scientific Officer E in the Nuclear Agriculture and Biotechnology Division. Her area of research includes Environmental Microbiology, Bioremediation of heavy metals and waste management. She has 30 research publications, 2 book chapters and one technology on Rapid bio-composting which is published in the BARC website to her credit. She has received the Department of Atomic Energy, Group Achievement Award in the year 2017, for Excellence in Science, Engineering and Technology.

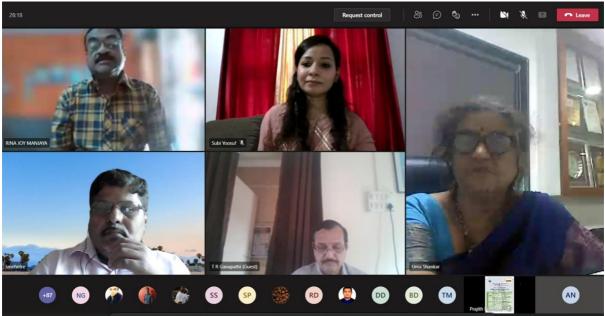
Annexures 2: List of Participants

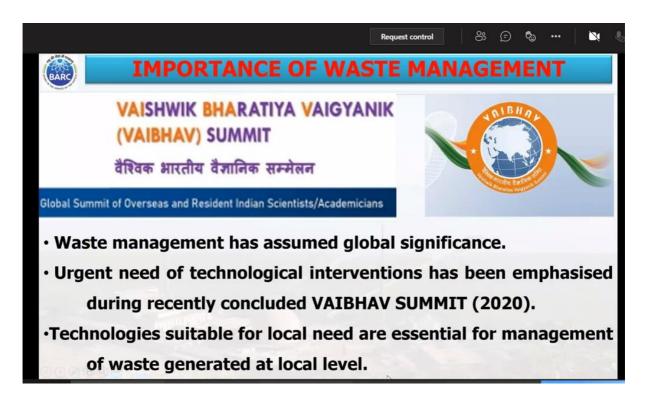
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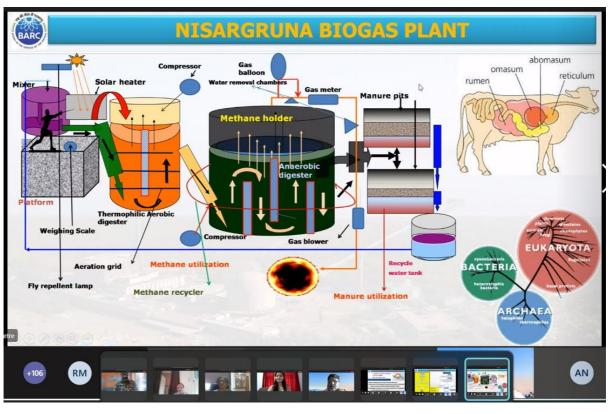
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Annexures 3: Photographs of Seminar/Workshop











technologies for biodegradable waste with reference to rapid composting technology of BARC

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