## 2<sup>nd</sup> Visvesvaraya Series Lecture on Water and Civilization: Retrospect and Prospect

Team CESA hosted its first event of the academic year 2021-22 under the mentorship of Dr. Jigisha Vashi and Dr. Sahajanand Kamat.

Being the flagship event it was one of its kind and attracted young minds to gain more knowledge about the co-relation of life endurances with curriculum knowledge, that is, what we learn in college.

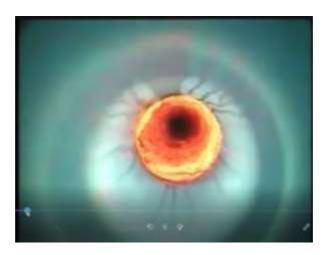
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Visvesaraya series was a part of the legacy of series conducted in 2020-21. It was one of its kind, providing a new perspective for all the young minds who attended the event.

The event took place on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021 for a time span of 3 hours.

The event saw the presence the esteemed speaker Dr.Ajit Gokhale, the faculty mentors, team CESA and other participants that marked their presence from various other colleges across India.

The topic of discussion for this installation was water and civilization: retrospect and prospect. Dr. Ajit Gokhale is the founder and leader of natural solutions. He has done his M.Sc., Ph.D., and a Special Course on Water and Wastewater Treatment conducted by Cranfield University, School of Water Sciences, UK and owns a Diploma in Environmental Management. He has over 3 decades of experience in application of Research in Ecology particularly in wetlands and water bodies including rivers; Natural Resource Conservation, Water Resource Development, Water and Wastewater Treatment & Solid waste. Nobody could have explained us all these aspects better than Dr. Ajit Gokhale. His excellence and expertise helps the audience to think and re-establish connection between the world around us and the world within us.





The event started by a small tribute and introduction to Dr.Gokhale and the new core team by Dr.Sahajanand Kamat, our faculty member, followed by an immensely informative presentation explained by Mr.Gokhale. He engaged the audience by asking questions. Interactive questions like what is important for mankind? Is it within us or around us? What is civilization? What is water? Does it co relate? And if it does how? How civil structures and urbanization affects the flora and fauna? How does a structure affect the environment? And many such questions which kept us engaged throughout the session.



He conveyed a convincing message of searching the universe within us more than around us so that mankind will be humble towards nature and won't disturb the eco system. Like we treat ourselves with great care and kindness we should treat our surroundings, the flora and fauna with kindness too. With this ambition and motto Dr. Gokhale was successful in creating a curious side of reality for our audiences and teach them the importance of civilization and the evaluation of mankind.

The event ended on a positive note, giving the audience a different perspective all together. The session was concluded by a vote of gratitude was devoted to our guest speaker by one of our mentors, Dr. Jigisha ma'am.