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Report on the Seminar on Waste Management (10th October, 2023)

1. **Title of the Workshop/Seminar/Webinar:** “**Managing Waste for A Better Future**”
2. **Name of the organizing Department(s):** Nature and Environment Subcommittee, in association with NSS Units, and NCC – 53rd Bengal Battalion, Garhbeta College.
3. **Date:** 10th October, 2023
4. **Level:** State Level
5. **Number of participants:** 205
6. **Details of Resource Person(s):** Ms. Debarati Kundu, Garbage Free India

The Nature and Environment subcommittee of Garhbeta College, in association with the NSS Units, and NCC – 53rd Bengal Battalion of the college, has organized a seminar on waste management on 10th October, 2023. It was to raise awareness and learn more about waste management. The seminar was titled, “Managing Waste for A Better Future”. The event took place in collaboration with Garhbeta Gram Panchayat.

Ms. Debarati Kundu from the nationally renowned organization Garbage Free India was the invited speaker at the seminar. It was inaugurated by the honourable principal of the college Dr. Hariprasad Sarkar.

In the beginning, Dr. Sarkar emphasised the main target of the seminar, which was to spread awareness about the urgency of learning to manage wastes in an environmentally conscious way. It is of utmost importance to understand the significance, impact and our responsibilities of and about environmental degradation.

The speaker, Ms Kundu explained various aspects of the degrading environment and the role of wastes that we generate regularly, which particularly affects all the living organisms on this planet earth. Ms Kundu delivered her talk primarily in vernacular language. Different known and unknown impacts of the dumping of untreated wastes on the environment was discussed very lucidly.

The role of mismanagement of wastes in affecting the environment negatively, the impact of environmental degradation on the ways of lives in turn, creates a situation that is gradually slipping out of our control and is increasingly becoming hard to break. Ms. Kundu stressed upon the responsibility of all of us to identify, deal and mitigate our own impact on the environment, if we are serious about the degradation of it. She also demonstrated the ways in which the stakeholders of an academic institution can make a difference through properly performing their role in managing the wastes generated in and by the institution.

A long and very much in-depth discussion followed the main talk, during the question-and-answer session. There were around two hundred and five participants from the college community, representing different stakeholder groups.

The programme was concluded by the principal of the college.