

## **St. Xavier's Institute Of Education**

### **Report: Session On Spiritual Ecology**

**Monday, 7th December, 2020**

**Resource Person: Fr. Luke Rodrigues s.j.**

St. Xavier's Institute of Education had organized a session on, 'Spiritual Ecology' on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 and the resource person for the session was Fr. Luke Rodrigues, s.j. The session organized to prepare student teachers for taking up SWACHHTA ACTION PLAN (SAP) in its holistic manner under. **SAP is-** Strategies Proposed for Bringing Environmental Sustainability to Campuses of Indian Universities and Higher Education Institutions an initiative of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. Five Major Criteria under SAP are: 1.Sanitation & Hygiene 2. Waste Management 3.Water Management 4. Greenery 5.Energy Conservation

.The broad objectives of the session are:

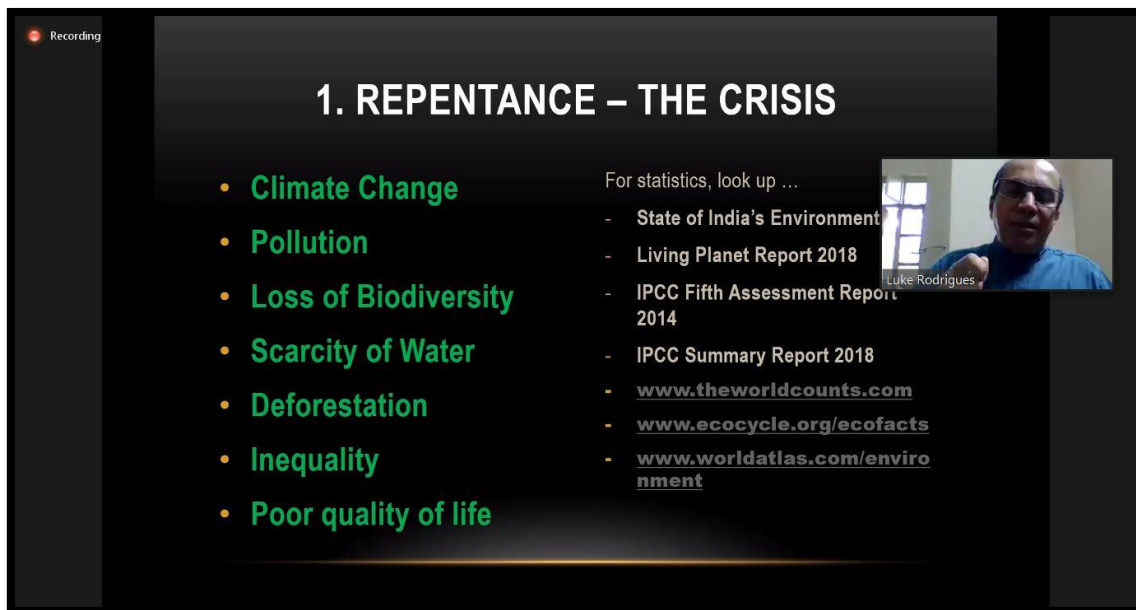
- To become aware of realms / categories of spiritual ecology
- To understand the relationship between human beings and the environment
- To gain insight about interconnection between life of an individual and life of all of creation/ mother earth/common home
- To know present ecological crisis and its relation to spirituality
- To prepare young students as a guardians of the planet
- To ignite the sacred light within each individual to change our world
- To find way ahead for clean and green campuses of higher educational institutions through spiritual ecology

The session on Spiritual Ecology started with a brief introduction about the Resource Person Fr. Luke Rodrigues, s.j. which was given by the member of the Student Council Ms.Sarah Asda.

Fr. Luke Rodrigues started the session with short prayer.The session started with the three aspects of eco spirituality:

- i. Repentance:** This part included the acknowledgment of our sins against creation.The crisis that we are facing with respect to climate change, Pollution, loss of biodiversity, scarcity of water, Deforestation, Inequality and poor quality of life. This part also emphasized on the throwaway culture.
- ii. Relationship:** This part emphasized on the relationship between human and nature to help us discover the sacredness of creation, to understand the link with nature, to encounter god in creation and to deepen the bond with nature.

iii. **Renewel:** this part talked about the action that we must take for and commit ourselves to care for our common home. It included of pledge for the better future of our common home.



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## 1. REPENTANCE – THE CRISIS

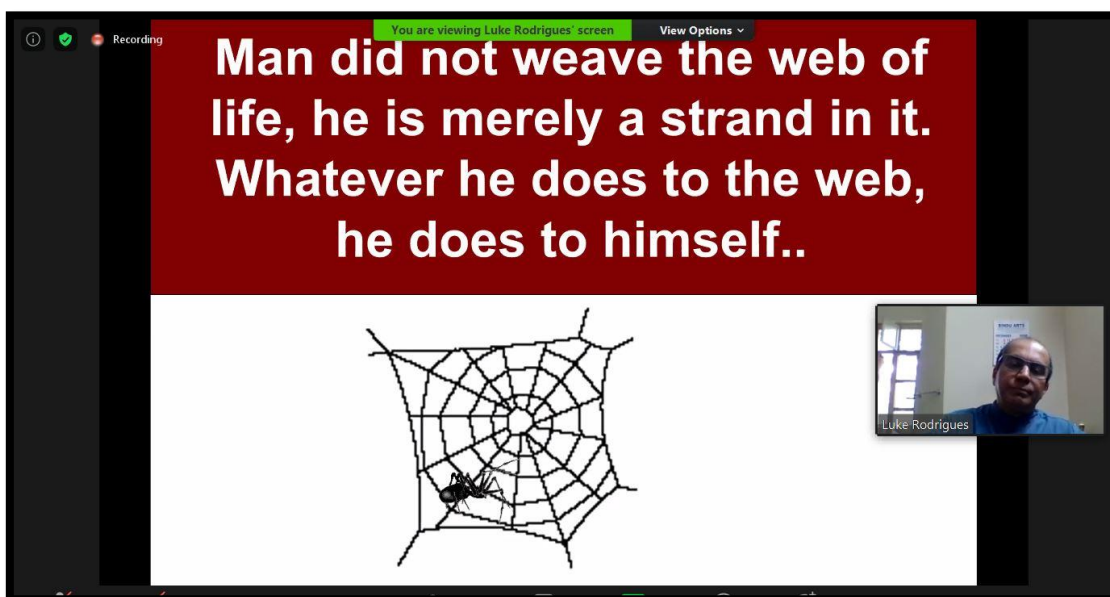
- **Climate Change**
- **Pollution**
- **Loss of Biodiversity**
- **Scarcity of Water**
- **Deforestation**
- **Inequality**
- **Poor quality of life**

For statistics, look up ...

- State of India's Environment
- Living Planet Report 2018
- IPCC Fifth Assessment Report 2014
- IPCC Summary Report 2018
- [www.theworldcounts.com](http://www.theworldcounts.com)
- [www.ecocycle.org/ecofacts](http://www.ecocycle.org/ecofacts)
- [www.worldatlas.com/environment](http://www.worldatlas.com/environment)

Luke Rodrigues

**Cosmic walk:** The session also included cosmic walk which talked about the story of creation.




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**Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself..**



Luke Rodrigues

Resource person Fr. Luke Rodrigues also responded to the questions put forth by the participants.

Fr. Luke gave an insight to the future teachers how they can be a blessing for the earth by individually making an attempt to make nature a part of their inner life and through that they can alter their life. This will help them to be an Eco Ambassador.

The resource person also shared his ideas about the Major Criteria under SAP: 1.Sanitation & Hygiene 2. Waste Management 3.Water Management 4. Greenery 5.Energy Conservation

The concluding remarks were given by Fr. Blaise D'souza s.j., Manager, St. Xavier's Institute of Education Society.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Saheel D'mello, the member of the Student Council.

Total No of students present for the session: 48