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JALAANDOLANA

Press Report

Jalaandolana- A Revathon to Save Water is an initiative by School of Architecture, REVA University, inaugurated on March 22, 2019, celebrated as World Water Day. It aligns with United Nation's goal for sustainable development: water for all by 2030, "Leaving no one behind" countering the predicaments of water crisis around the world. Hon'ble Chancellor Dr. P. Shyama Raju inaugurated the event and shared his experience in rejuvenating the Ulsoor and Sankey Lake with Dvysree Developers. He stressed the awareness and responsibility of each citizen in maintaining environmental quality

Dr. Vimala Swamy, Director, School of Architecture, welcoming the gathering of students and faculty said inclusion of water in the planning and designing of cities and building. Water is not only utilitarian requirement but also acts as microclimate modifier and adds aesthetics. It integrates the built and the unbuilt environment. Mrs. Shubha Ramachandran, BIOME briefed about Water

Scarcity, its challenges, possible localized solutions. The role of future architects and planners in conserving water was the main theme discussed in the inauguration and Keynote Address by Chief Guest. Her very interactive session discussed how water can be recharged using simple methods and applicable



and adaptable technology; Rain Water Harvesting and novel systems to extract its full potential, Waste Water Treatment as a nutrient-rich source and mapping open wells in Bengaluru. She also spoke at length about, "the importance of creating a community around a lake". REVA students have been on their own journey to spread awareness on this mission of great importance and magnitude. Students started interacting with residents lacing the lake. This Walkathon would involve students deeply delving into permeating the cause with powerful street plays, songs and flashmobs expressing the urgency for action and involvement.

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