Plastic Waste Management: Care for Creation

On-the-go lifestyles we require easily disposable products, such as soda cans or bottles of water or plastic carry bags and so on, but the accumulation of these products has led to increasing amounts of plastic pollution around the world. As plastic is composed of major toxic pollutants, it has the potential to cause great harm to the environment in the form of air, water and land pollution. And thus, plastic waste remains as an alarming threat to the environment we lived in. Therefore, a "Plastic Waste Management" seminar was organized by India Peace Centre on 3rd February 2017, to create awareness. Ms. Deepali Masirkar, DCP, Nagpur and Mr. Milind Pagare (Expert in plastic waste management) were present as chief guest and facilitator respectively. On her short note, Ms. Deepali said, "Plastic has become our daily need and it is difficult for us to live without it and thus makes a challenging thing for us" and she also said, "we failed to cut down on the usage of plastic."

Mr. Milind Pagare said, that things made of plastic are cheap. They save time and energy in daily routine at the cost of health and environment. To meet the demands of growing population, more plastic is being generated. "From mineral water bottles, pens, plates to cigarette lighters. Plastic is everywhere. Cosmetic and toothpastes have an element called micro beads that adversely effects human health."

A slide show was presented to acquaint the audience with the ill effects of plastic occurring in today's world. The slides explained how micro beads absorb toxins in water which are eaten by marine life. They can make their way up the food chain all the way to our dinner plates. It also showed that throwing thrash on streets is a destructive human behaviour. Animals and birds unintentionally consume these plastic particles and die. Many species are on the verge of extinction. At the end solutions were suggested by Mr. Pagare to overcome with the crisis and to reduce usage of plastic.