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National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC) and Disaster Management cell of St. Bede's College, Shimla organized Popular Lecture Series on 'Biodiversity Conservation and Patent' by Dr. Vandana Shiva, world renowned environmentalist on 23rd September, 2017. Mrs. Anuja Sharma welcomed the Resource person, dignitaries from HIMCOSTE, Principal, Dr. (Sr.) Beena John, teaching and non teaching staff and students of the college. This was followed by lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana. The Inaugural address was given by Kunal Satyarthi (IFS, Joint Member Secretary, HIMCOSTE) about the various activities undertaken by the Council like Science popularization, Centre on Climate Change, AGiSAC, Remote Sensing Cell, H.P State Biodiversity Board, Research Grant to colleges and institutes, taking up projects and research and partial travel grant to upcoming scientists for participation in National and International Seminars. This was followed by special address by Archana Sharma (Member Secretary, HIMCOSTE). She motivated the students to develop scientific temper and to bring accuracy, objectivity and rational thinking in their lives.

Dr. Vandana Shiva the spoke at length about Biodiversity and its various facets. She explained how the notion of Science in humans has changed over time. The disruption of our planet's ability to self regulate has created a climatic chaos. The human beings have fossilized minds responsible for various diseases. True Science was the Science of quality where system exists as a web of ecology. She shared her experience her of 11years on revoking the patents on Neem and Basmati Rice in USA and Europe. It is knowledge of biodiversity, commitment which helped her to win the case. She elaborated about how she continued her journey towards the opposition of patenting seeds and agriculture by following the Gandhi's teachings and scientific analysis. Food grain areas are getting reduced. Concretization is a result of globalization. A Vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Shubra Banerjee, Senior Scientific Officer, HIMCOSTE and Mrs. Minni Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, St. Bede's College, Shimla.

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