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# Bajaj Allianz celebrates 125th anniv

## Organises talk on environment awareness and its impact on living beings

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**Pune:** Bajaj Allianz organised an Employee Dialog to mark the 125th anniversary of the company at Symbiosis Auditorium, Viman Nagar on October 21.

The Dialog was aimed at creating awareness about environmental change and its impact on the local community and featured speakers, who are actively working for the conservation of environment.

The event, hosted by beatboxer Vineeth Vincent, began with a short video on environmental change and its ill-effects on the planet. This was followed by an address by Tapan Singhel, CEO and MD of Bajaj Alli-

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Vikram Soni, a physicist, discussed the ozone hole. He also talked about Earth as a living organism that recycles all the waste that it generates, comparing it to the technology we invent, that does not follow this cycle.

Col (Retd) SG Dalvi, who is a part of the Climate Reality Project - a non-profit organisation, talked about ex-

treme climatic conditions like floods, droughts and hailstorms, which are the outcome of global warming. Focusing on Pune, he said that the water table is going down as the natural percolation rate is reducing because of concretisation. He suggested use of rooftop rainwater harvesting.

Himanshu Thakkar, an environmentalist and Co-or-

dinator of South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers and People (SANDRP), highlighted the deplorable condition of rivers in the country which have become dumping grounds today.

Jodie Underhill, co-founder of Waste Warriors, talked about her experience of encountering waste when she came to India and her decision to stay back to do something about it. Her organisation, Waste Warriors, which is based in Dehradun, started with door to door waste collection services.

They also conduct educational sessions, cleanup drives and awareness activities like flash mobs, street plays and information stalls.