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A Report

➤ **A Podcast with Ms. Poorva
Joshipura**

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Introduction:

On 1st June 2024, the NSS Unit in the collaboration with **PRATHA-Indic Renaissance**, organised an engaging and insightful podcast featuring **Ms. Poorva Joshipura, the esteemed Director of PETA India and senior vice president of PETA Foundation UK**. The podcast, titled **“Bridging Beliefs: Balancing Vegetarianism, Religion, Tradition and Animal Welfare in India”**. The podcast provided a platform to the volunteers for an interactive discussion with the global leader Ms. P Joshipura.



About PRATHA and PETA:

- ❖ **PRATHA-Indic Renaissance** stands as a distinguished community of eloquent speakers and debaters, meticulously handpicked by GoI to represent their respective states at prestigious gatherings like the National Youth Parliament Festival. Pratha conducts impactful public speaking workshops, medical awareness sessions, and actively contributes to large-scale disaster relief efforts.
- ❖ **PETA** stands for *People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals* is the largest animal right organisation in the world, and PETA entities have more than 9 million members and supporters globally. PETA works through public education, investigative newsgathering and reporting, research, animal rescue, legislation, special events, celebrity involvement, and protest campaigns.

Objective:

The primary objective of the podcast was to illustrate the complexity of the topic, especially in a nation as diverse as India. This podcast aimed to provide insights into discussion with the volunteers on Animal Welfare in India.



PETA India

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TODAY: Hear what PETA India Director and Senior VP PETA Foundation UK @poorvajo has to say about animal rights, religion and living vegan on the Pratha Indic Renaissance podcast. TUNE IN. @pratha.sanskriti

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Bridging Beliefs : Balancing Vegetarianism, Religion, Tradition & Animal Welfare in India

HOST **Miss. Sheenam D.**
Joint Secretary
Pratha - Indic Renaissance
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GUEST **Ms. Poorva Joshipura**
Senior Vice President
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PETA

TO JOIN IN AS AN ATTENDEE & FOR DIRECT INTERACTION WITH THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF PETA REGISTER AT WWW.PRATHAINDIC.IN/REGISTRATION

1ST JUNE | 5:30 PM (IST) | 1:00 PM (UK TIME)

Key Highlights:

1. Vegetarianism in India:

Vegetarianism holds a significant cultural and religious significance in India, with a large portion of the population adhering to vegetarian diets influenced by different religions like Hinduism, Jainism and Buddhism, etc.

2. Religious and Tradition Perspectives:

Various religious and practices in India promote vegetarianism as a mean of spiritual purity and ethical living. Hindu scriptures emphasize the importance of a **sattvic** (pure) diet, abstaining from meat consumption to maintain physical and mental well-being.

3. Role of Animal Welfare Organisations:

Organisation like PETA play a vital role in advocating for animal rights and promoting ethical treatment of animals.

Interaction with volunteers:

The interactive session with volunteers was a main highlight of the podcast. Volunteers asked thoughtful and pertinent questions, reflecting their keen interest and understanding of the topic. Some of the questions asked by volunteers are given below:

1. ***Prakriti Verma (B.Sc. 1st year):***

How does PETA approach the intersection of vegetarianism, religion, tradition and animal welfare in India?

2. ***Sanvi Rana (B.A. 1st year)***

What are some common misconceptions about vegetarianism and animal welfare in Indian culture and how does PETA address them?

Tell us about the controversy between Amul India and PETA.

3. ***Yakshita (B.A. 1st year)***

Can you discuss some successful strategies for advocating vegetarianism and animal welfare within diverse religious and cultural communities in India?

Are there any particular religious or cultural practices in India that PETA focuses on addressing in relation to animal welfare?

4. ***Swayam (B.A. 1st year)***

How does PETA work with religious leaders and communities to promote compassion towards animal while respecting cultural traditions?

5. ***Varun Thakur (B.A. 1st year)***

What role do you see education playing in promoting vegetarianism and animal welfare in India, especially within traditional communities?

6. ***Muskan Verma (B.A. 1st year)***

How does PETA collaborate with local organisations and individuals to promote vegetarianism and animal welfare across different regions of India?

7. ***Pankaj Niltu (B.Sc. 1st year)***

Can you share examples of positive changes or initiatives that have resulted from PETA's efforts to bridge beliefs and promote vegetarianism in India?

Recognition of Volunteers:

Towards the end of the podcast, the NSS Unit recognised outstanding volunteers based on their interactive performance during the session. The winners were awarded with the certificate and gift hampers. This recognition aimed to encourage continued engagement and learning among volunteers.

Sanvi Rana (B.A. 1st yr.) was the winner of this interactive session followed by **Muskan Verma (B.A. 1st yr.)** at 2nd position and **Yakshita (B.A. 1st yr.)** was at 3rd position.



Conclusion:

The podcast organised by the **NSS Unit and PRATHA** with **Ms. Poorva Joshipura** was a resounding success. It not only provided a platform for discussing critical issues related to vegetarianism and animal welfare in India but also fostered an engaging learning environment for the volunteers.

The NSS Unit and PRATHA look forward to organising more such events.

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