EXPERT TALK MARKS WORLD WATER DAY AT VIKRANT UNIVERSITY

In honor of **World Water Day** on **22 March 2025**, the *School of Natural and Applied Science* at **Vikrant University**, **Gwalior**, under the banner of the *Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)*, hosted a distinguished **Expert Talk** featuring two renowned speakers:

- Dr. Beatriz Lucia Salvador Bizotto, Postdoctoral Researcher and Tutor, Centre UNIFACVEST, Brazil
- Dr. Hemant Pathak, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Indira Gandhi Government Engineering College, Sagar, M.P.

This insightful session, conducted in **online mode**, attracted active participation from students and faculty committed to water conservation and sustainability.

Dr. Beatriz Bizotto

Dr. Bizotto shared perspectives on water sustainability through a global lens. Drawing on her background in governance, spirituality, and applied social sciences, she emphasized the connection between **cultural values** and environmental stewardship. Her presentation reflected on how traditional practices and international collaboration can support sustainable water management

Dr. Hemant Pathak

With extensive research in environmental chemistry, including studies on water quality in the Sagar region Dr. Pathak discussed **groundwater degradation**, **waterborne diseases**, and cost—benefit implications for local communities. He highlighted the importance of **scientific monitoring and policy frameworks** to ensure safe and sustainable water supplies.

Participants responded enthusiastically, praising the relevance and depth of the presentations. Many appreciated how the event bridged **technical clarity** with **cultural insights**, inspiring them to engage in meaningful water conservation initiatives locally.

