

# PVG's College of Engineering & Technology, Pune

## Event: TEDxKothrud Countdown

Countdown is a global initiative by TED to advocate and speed up solutions about the climate crisis

Date of Event: 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020

Topic: Climate Change

Organizers: TEDxPVGCOET in Collaboration with TEDxCCOEW

**Participants: 186 students and faculty and citizens**

TEDxKothrud is a Countdown event that aims to spark a conversation on **climate change and different Environmental issues faced by the world today**. Countdown is a global initiative to champion and accelerate solutions to the climate crisis, turning ideas into action. The goal: To build a better future by cutting greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030 in the race to a zero-carbon world – a world that is safer, cleaner, and fairer for everyone.

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized (subject to certain rules and regulations).

This is a joint online venture of TEDxPVGCOET & TEDxCCOEW during the pandemic lockdown period.

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### Speakers:

**1. Dr. Mrs. Janak Palta McGilligan** is a Padma Shree Awardee. She is an environmentalist who has represented India in UN for High-Level forum on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She's also a member of Solar Cookers International. Along with being recognized as "Green Hero" by TERI, she is a Member of Advisory Board of Solar Cookers International (SCI, Sacramento), and Co-founder of Jaivik Setu in Indore. She is also a former founder-director of Barli Development Institute for Rural Women. She is an Honorary Secretary of Sangini Cancer Care society dedicated to Breast Cancer Patients

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**Dr. JANAK PALTA  
MCGILLIGAN**

Padma Shree awardee Dr. Janak Palta McGilligan will be talking about how humans can do their individual duty to reduce their waste and how adopting a sustainable lifestyle can contribute to a better environment and better life for generations to come. She will be outlining her own journey to adopting sustainable living, including talking about using solar cookers, minimal use of electricity and growing her own food. She ultimately will be highlighting how each of our individual contributions, no matter how small, play a big role in fighting against climate change.

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2. Greg Ellis is recognized as one of the more innovative and versatile drummers in the world. He has performed around the world and recorded with musical artists from over 30 countries including Mickey Hart, Zakir Hussain, KODO, Bickram Ghosh, Mahsa Vahdat, Tord Gustavsen, Yungchen Lhamo, Chiwoniso Mairaire, Juno Reactor, Billy Idol and many more. He has released many critically acclaimed albums with his groups Vas and Biomusique, as well as his solo album Kala Rupa. His drumming can be heard on more than 150 film, television and video game scores, including 300, Argo, The Matrix Reloaded and Revolutions, Iron Man, Body of Lies, Transformers: Age of Extinction and many more. Being a self-taught drummer and percussionist, his performances are completely improvised allowing him to not rely on what he's learned but on what he feels. He has developed his own technique and unique set up which draws upon his influences from the many music cultures he has worked within.

Noise pollution is quite infamous for its heinous physical and psychological effects. Who would have thought that it factors into climate change as well? Taking the view not taken, famed percussionist Greg Ellis explores the lesser-known effects of noise pollution on climate change in his talk, "Drowning in Decibels". Greg will expand on how oblivious we have been to the effect of decibels around us and unveil the various ways we can address the issues that are bound to destroy our planet, one step at a time.

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3. Sayali Andhare Joshi is a trained architect from Visvesvaraiyya National Institute of Technology (VNIT). Later she had the privilege of working with architect Mr. Nilkanth Chhaya on various architectural projects. There she first experienced working in appropriate technologies like bamboo construction and earth construction. This early influence triggered a passion towards working with traditional building materials such as bamboo and mud. To inculcate these dying principles into the younger generation, she teaches the pivotal subjects of architectural design and building construction at B.N.C.A Pune. She also runs her own practice called Shoonya. Shoonya is an architectural firm which believes in contextually rooted design solutions and appropriate building construction methods. The ideology of the firm has developed around the concept of

sustainability and the buildings act as a medium to take this thought further.



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4. Vivek Gurav is a Global Youth Ambassador for Theirworld, a Social Entrepreneur and Founder of different youth-led community movements & initiatives impacting thousands of lives across the globe. Environment, Education & Empowerment are his pillars of activism. Featured by national media for his feat of cleaning Pune in last one year & being the torch bearer of "Plastic Free Pune mission", he has mobilized more than 1 lakh Pune-kars last year to volunteer on ground. He has actively contributed to UN Sustainable Development Goals through his active advocacy with UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub as an Asia-Pacific Field Advocate. Awarded with Indian Youth Award & REX Karmaveer Chakra by the United Nations & iCONGO in October 2019.



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5] Sid Thatham works as an Energy Engineer at the University of Cincinnati. He was born in Chennai and grew up in New Delhi. After finishing his Bachelor's in Chemical Engineering, he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, US, to go to grad school. After his Master's in Chemical Engineering and an MBA at the university, he now works at the university's power plant. He is passionate about working with new people on new ideas & concepts. He enjoys talking about leadership, personal branding, social media and is passionate about photography. He is also an avid watcher when it comes to anime and foreign language movies. More information about him and his past talks can be found here- <https://linktr.ee/sidcinnati>



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## Event Photographs:

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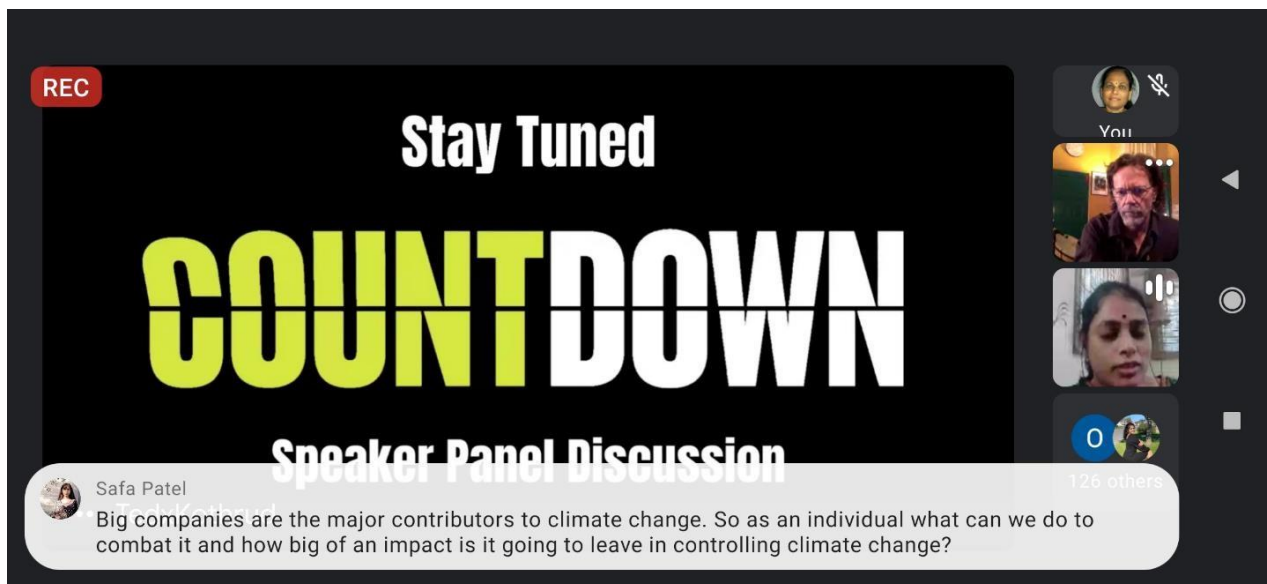
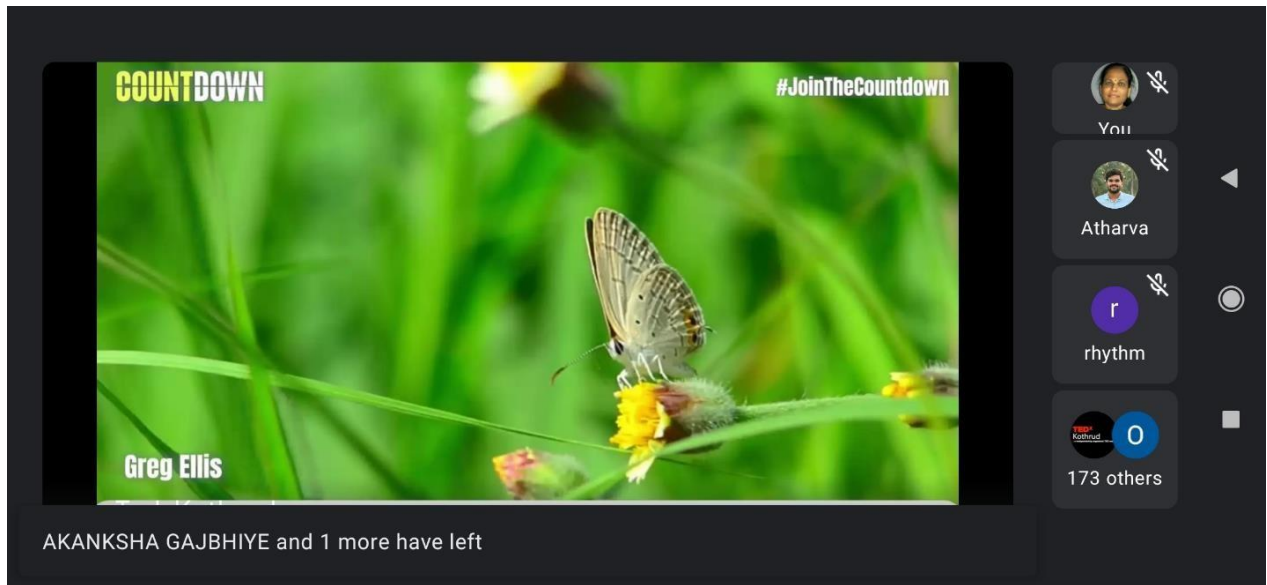


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