

# Annual Report 2022-2023

## The Environment Society

The Environmental Society has been immensely productive for the academic year 2022-23. The events conducted consisted of engaging activities and were extremely helpful in spreading awareness about multiple environmental concerns and encouraging people to take action towards conservation.

We organized a talk by Prof. Charu Sharma. The theme for this talk was 'Urban Heat Islands and Sustainable ways of Mitigation'. We were delighted to have Prof. Charu Sharma as our speaker. A post graduate in biotechnology from IILM Noida and a former Assistant Professor at the same institution, Prof. Sharma is also the Senior Specialist at Sankalptaru Foundation, which is on the mission to create a healthy, green and clean planet through tree plantation. Along with their diligent greening efforts, they strive to uplift and assist the rural communities, while promoting extensive agriculture across the nation and making it a happy-green paradise. The event turned out to be a success with a turn out of 25+ and an active participation of the attendees, the administration and the organizing team.

The Environmental Society initiated the Tree Mapping exercise in College, in collaboration with the WWF India. A team of society members and other student volunteers were trained by the WWF team to geotag the trees across campus. This helped in the consolidation of a database of trees on campus. We extended this exercise and identified and put name plates on the trees.

We initiated our Green Diwali campaign in which the society conducted a poster making session for the children of non-teaching staff of college in order to spread awareness about the air pollution caused by fire crackers.

In addition to the above, the Society also spread awareness about air pollution caused by dust from rangoli by making a rangoli with waste dal and rice grains instead of non-biodegradable rangoli powders and through informational content on the society's Instagram page.

The Society conducted its annual orientation for the incoming first years wherein the first years were informed of the different events conducted by the society across the year, the functioning of the society and the impact it has brought in the past. It was engaging for the first years as we had a musical session, followed by a spotting competition in order to gain the interest of the incoming batch.

In collaboration with the IQAC, the Environmental Society conducted a workshop on Waste Management for the Café staff, Faculty, and Students on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. It gave interesting insights about how the waste should be segregated and managed. It is possible to spot the effect of the workshop in the campus! The event was a huge success with 40+ participants and the enthusiastic involvement of everyone toward a greener campus.

The society also had the privilege of being a part of the Alumni meet, 2022. Therein the society set up its stall where it was able to interact with its alumni, and exchange dialogues about the working of the society and its motives.

Scavenger Hunt is one of the most fun events that our society organises every year. We get the maximum participation in this event which is usually more than 50 teams. This hunt required the participants to not only have a good knowledge of all the naturally picturesque locations on campus but to also to answer interesting trivia questions regarding the same and getting their pictures clicked in

different poses as instructed in those locations while taking the minimum time. The winners were given amazing prizes for the same along with the rich trivia that all the participants got to learn.

Our alumni, who have been associated with the society continue to bring new ideas and contribute as much as possible to make the college campus as eco-friendly as possible. One such alumnus, Aura Bhandari graced our society with her wonderful ideas. With the help of her organisation – “ Tales of Tailss”, we made arrangements for jute sacks and other small mattress-like materials for the dogs on campus to protect them from the harsh Delhi winters.

We also organised a Nature Walk to Yamuna Biodiversity Park, which we organised in collaboration with the Photography Society. The venue was apt for the walk as we got to know about the diverse species of plants and animals in the 457 acres of the park. These included some rare varieties of fruits and flowers as well as the deer and the migratory birds that we could learn about and capture in our cameras. The park also had an artificially created pond for the migratory birds from Central Asia. We got a good turn out of 35+ students who engaged enthusiastically in the walk and made the most of it.

We also had the good fortune of representing our college and the initiatives that we take as society for the NAAC peer team visit held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, 2023. A stall was set up in the Rudra Lawns so as to exhibit the society’s initiatives as a part of the NAAC Visit Criterion- Institutional Values and Best Practices.

The interactive session organised by the FFF (Fridays for Future) team of the Delhi wing was the last of our events for the academic session. The theme was 'Climate Crisis' and was very informative and engaging as we got to learn about various aspects of the crisis from experienced activists like Muskan Lodhi, Pratyaksh Ahuja and Divyaanshu Bholra. We got a turn out of 20+ who were divided into teams and were given cases to solve and give their opinions to address the environmental problems related to climate.