

Lazy Gardener Workshop

On 22nd May, 2021, Avani, the Environment Club of Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi organized a workshop on Home Gardening on the occasion of International Biodiversity Day. The resource person for the workshop was Mr. Vinayak Garg, the founder of Lazy Gardener, a venture aimed at providing easy gardening solutions to the urban gardeners.

The event began with the speaker explaining the significance of gardening in our lives. He stressed upon the role of gardening practices in enhancing our well-being and how the practice acts as a supreme support system. The event proceeded with the demonstration of the right methods of gardening. He also resolved the doubts of several participants regarding difficulties during gardening. The event concluded on the note that gardening, as a practice, is a therapeutic activity that helps us to relieve stress and brings us closer to the nature.



Lazy Gardener Workshop-May 22, 2021

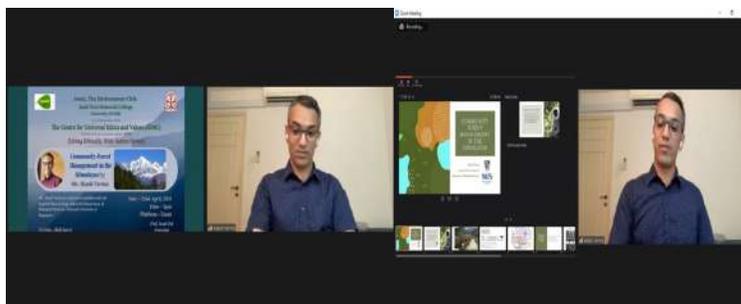
Webinar on Community Forest Management In Himalayas

On April 22, 2021, Avani, the environmental club of Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi organized an international webinar on the topic, Community Forest Management In Himalayas under LENS (Living Ethically with Nature Series) on the occasion of the Earth Day. The speaker was Mr. Akash Verma, a doctoral candidate with the Applied Plant Ecology Lab at the Department of Biological Sciences, National University of Singapore. The event commenced with a poem written by Prof. Swati Pal, Principal, JDMC for the occasion.

Mr. Verma explained the mechanism of forest change in the Himalayas by discussing forest cover and quality. He highlighted the mutual relationship between forests and the local people; described the concept of community forest management by referring to his study on Nepal and Uttarakhand;

and explained the functioning of the systems of joint forest management and vanpanchayats in India and the system of community forest user groups in Nepal. Additionally, he stressed on the importance of community forest management and explained its limitations.

After the culmination of his speech, posters made by the members of Avani on the occasion of the Earth Day were presented. The event ended with the appeal to preserve the earth and contribute towards it in every way possible.



Webinar on Community Forest Management In Himalayas- April 22, 2021

Earth Day Celebration

As a part of the Earth Day Celebration Avani organized an intra-college Paper Presentation Competition on April 20, 2021. The theme for the competition was Sustainable Development. There were 9 students from JDMC who participated in the competition. The presentation by Riya Jain from B.A. Programme was declared as the best.



Earth Day Celebration-April 20, 2021

Monthly Activities of Avani Members

The student members of team Avani have consistently been engaging in activities through the months of February, March and April 2021. They have involved themselves to activities like feeding stray animals, making cloth handkerchiefs and creating water pots and feeders for birds displaying commitment to safer and healthier environment.

Green Matters Debate

On March 10, 2021 Avani organized the fifth inter-college debate competition, Green Matters on the topic The only way to prevent environmental disasters and reverse climate change is to return to traditional knowledge systems and be individually responsible. The debate was conducted the zoom platform. The judge for the debate was Mr Akash Verma, doctoral candidate with the Applied Plant Ecology Lab at The Department of Biological Sciences, National University of Singapore. The occasion was graced by the Principal of the college Prof. Swati Pal. Dr. Indu Anand the former principal JDMC attended the debate as guest of honour. During the event Dr Indu Anand Award for Environmental Awareness was announced and awarded to Ms. Shreya Singh, BA (H) Sociology III year.



Green Matters Debate-March 10, 2021

Create From Waste, Symphony 2021

Avani, the Environment Club, JDMC organised an inter-college competition Create from Waste from 10:30 am to 2 pm as a part of the annual college festival, Symphony 2021. The theme of the competition was The recent Himalayan Disaster. Due to the pandemic situation of Covid-19, Avani held the competition online on zoom platform. There were 13 participants from different colleges who participated in the competition and created beautiful and innovative models on the given theme from the dry waste available at home. Prof. Swati Pal, Principal JDMC graced the occasion and congratulated Avani for successfully organising the competition.

The judge for the competition was Ms. Moho Chaturvedi, an independent consultant working in the development and environment space for 25 years. She addressed the participants and spoke regarding the significance of focusing on the implications of natural disasters in the context of ecosystems at large.

The prize winners of the competition were Liza (first position), Aditi (second position) and Aruni (third position), all from JDMC. The prize winners will be receiving cash prizes and certificates will be given to the participants. During the competition a short presentation on the Avani activities and a video on How to Save Our Planet was also shown.



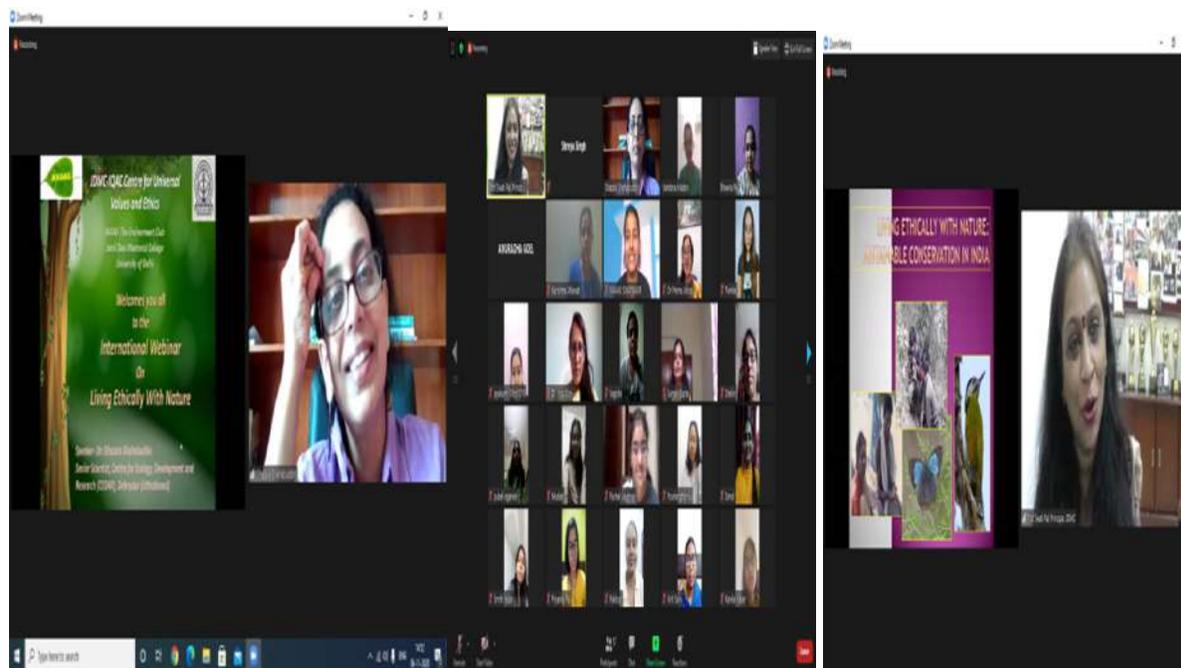
Create From Waste, Symphony 2021-February13, 2021

Webinar on Living Ethically with Nature by Dr. Ghazala Shahabuddin

On November 6, 2020 an international webinar was held from 3pm to 5pm on the topic, Living Ethically with Nature. The webinar was organised by IQAC Centre for Universal Values and Ethics along with Avani, the Environment Club, JDMC, University of Delhi. The speaker for the webinar was Dr. Ghazala Shahabuddin who is a member of Asia Board, Society for Conservation Biology and is a senior scientist, Centre for Ecology, Development and Research, Dehradun. The webinar started with keynote addresses by Prof. Swati Pal, Principal, JDMC and Ms. Vandana Madan, Convenor, Avani, JDMC. This was followed by an insightful session with a power point presentation by Dr. Shahabuddin.

During the webinar, Dr. Shahabuddin focused on the relationship between nature and humanity. In this context, she discussed the ecological disasters that occurred in 2020. She highlighted issues of forest degradation and worldwide decline in insects. She educated the participants about nature based tourism in the Himalayas and also enlightened them regarding disaster management and taking care of nature in the times of COVID-19 by giving examples of her personal experiences and workings of her organisation. Lastly, several questions were asked to Dr. Shahabuddin on how

to be eco-friendly in specific situations, which she addressed in detail. The participants included people from all over the country, India. Dr. Shahabuddin, with her expert views on the topic, made the webinar very informative.

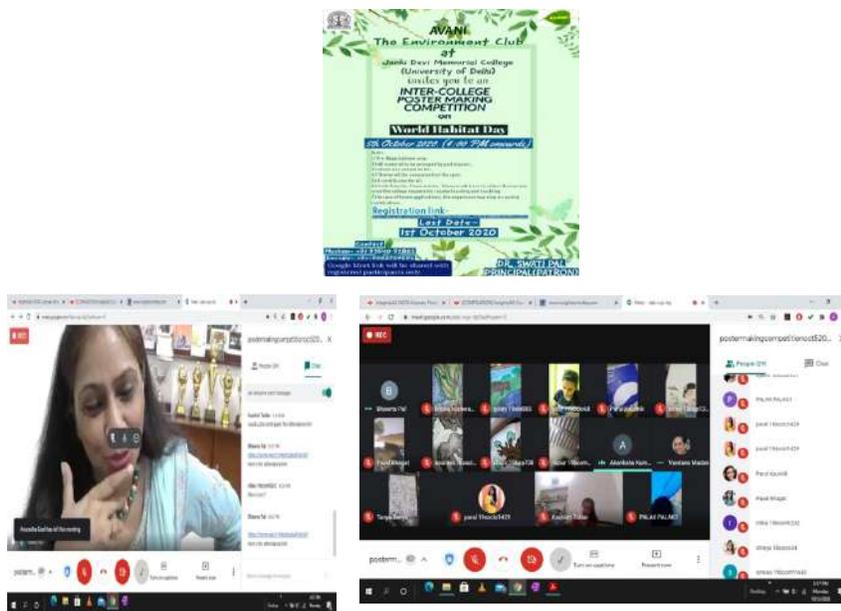


Webinar on Living Ethically with Nature by Dr. Ghazala Shahabuddin-November 6, 2020

World Habitat Day Celebration

On October 5, 2020 to observe World Habitat Day, the Environment Club OF Janki Devi Memorial College organized an inter-college poster making competition. It was held on Google Meet from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm with the theme, “Sustaining all life on Earth”. The event started with words of encouragement by Prof. Swati Pal, Principal, JDMC and Ms. Vandana Madan, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Convenor of Avani. The judges for the competition were Dr. Smita Mitra, Associate Professor Department of History and Convenor of Kalakriti, the Art Club of JDMC and Dr. Akanksha Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of History, JDMC. There were 19 students who participated in the competition and made creative posters within an hour, adhering to the theme. The event was also attended by teachers and members of Avani. To entertain the participants of the event, they were shown videos of different activities that Avani actively engages in. The videos were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The winners of the competition were Kritika Kushwaha (First Position) from Daulat Ram College and Tanya (Second Position) from Janki Devi Memorial College. All the winners were awarded certificates and cash

prizes. The other participants were also provided of participation. It was a fun and entertaining event.



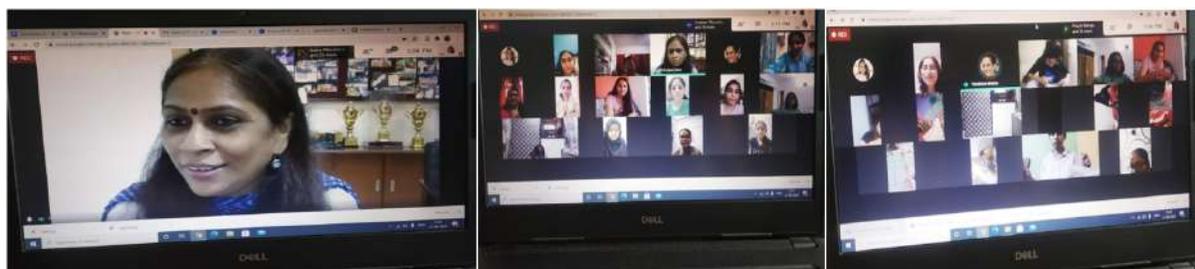
World Habitat Day Celebration- October 5, 2020

Create From Waste Competition: Less is more- The Gandhian Way in Times of Crisis

The Centre for Universal Values and Ethics and Avani, the Environment Club, JDMC organised an intra-college competition with the theme Create from Waste on Google Meet on Sep 21, 2020 from 3pm to 4:30pm. The topic for the competition was Less is More - The Gandhian Way in Times of Crisis. The event started with a keynote address by Ms. Vandana Madan, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Convenor of Avani. This was followed by the Principal, Prof. Swati Pal addressing the participants and encouraging them to participate in endeavours that focus on recycling and recreating for a healthy environment. The judge for the competition was Dr. Smita Mitra, Associate Professor, Department of History and the Convenor of Kalakriti, the Art Club, JDMC.

There were 21 students who participated in the competition and made beautiful and innovative creations within an hour from waste available at home. The event was also attended by faculty and student members from Avani and Centre from Universal Values and Ethics. To motivate and encourage the participants, some faculty members also participated in the event. The winners of the competition were Dimple Arora (First position), Aditi Chaudhery (Second position) and Ishita

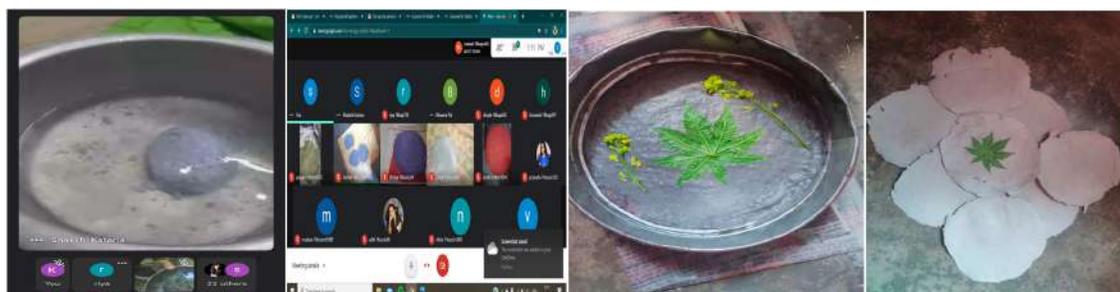
Gupta (third position). Additionally, there were two special mentions for Srishti Thakur and Naina Khurana. All the winners and special mentions were rewarded with certificates and cash prizes. The other participants were also provided with certificates of participation. It was a fun and eventful session.



Create From Waste Competition: Less is more- The Gandhian Way in Times of Crisis- September 21, 2020

Workshop on making of Handmade Paper

On Sep 18, 2020, Avani, the Environment Club, JDMC conducted a workshop on the topic, Handmade paper at home - DIY through Google Meet. The special guest for the webinar was Ms. Shakshi Kataria, an ex-student of JDMC and former member of Avani who had shared the prize for environmental consciousness for the year 2019-2020. Ms. Kataria taught the participants a simple, easy and quick way of making beautiful handmade paper from used paper and other materials available at home. The participants included faculty and student members of Avani. It was an exciting session which was thoroughly enjoyed by the participants of the webinar.



Workshop on making of Handmade Paper-September 18, 2020

Avani sends its collection to Goonj

Avani, the Environment club of JDMC on August 22, 2020 delivered 30 cartons of clothing and 500 kilos of ration to Goonj. The engagement of Avani with Goonj even when the Delhi University continues to function from home in a lockdown mode reflects its commitment to social well-being and concern for humanity.



Avani sends its collection to Goonj-August 22, 2020

Green Matters, 2020

Avani, the Environmental club, JDMC held its fourth inter-college debate competition, Green Matters on June 6, 2020. The topic of the competition was Human suffering will worsen unless environmental exploitation ends. The competition was held virtually due to the pandemic situation of COVID-19. It was a stunning success as 25 students from different colleges had enrolled for the competition out of which 19 participants were able to join.

JDMC's former principal, Dr. Indu Anand, was the Guest of Honour for this event, under whose guidance this society was introduced to the college. Dr. Suraj Beri, Assistant Professor, Sociology Department, Indraprastha College for Women, DU judged the competition. Dr Swati Pal, the principal of the college graced the occasion by attending the debate. She congratulated the team Avani for making students introspect and think about the relevance of environment during COVID-19 times.

The winners of the competition were Shruti Singh (first position), Anandita Mishra (second position) and Subia (third position) from Indraprastha College for Women, Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College and Lakshmibai College, respectively.



Green Matters, 2020 - June 6, 2020