Collage Making Competition

Avani, the Environment Club of Janki Devi Memorial organised a Collage Making Competition on June 4, 2022 to celebrate the World Environment Day. The competition was an intra-college event. It was held in the college auditorium. The topic for the competition was "Only One Earth". There were 17 participants from various Departments of JDMC who participated in the competition by making beautiful collages. There were three winners of the competition. Sanjana Mittal, B.Com (H), Anjali, B.A. (H) Philosophy and Manisha, BA Programme won the first, second and third prizes respectively. The Principal of the college, Prof. Swati Pal congratulated the students for participating in the competition and making beautiful collages, showing their commitment to the green environment.



Collage Making Competition -June 4, 2022

Paper Waste Recycling

On May 21, 2022 Avani gave 56 kgs of paper waste collected from college for recycling to the NGO, Green-O-Tech India. The paper waste included old office paper records, answer sheets,

notebooks, books, magazines, brochures, carton boxes and shredded paper etc. In exchange of the waste paper the NGO will be providing the college with A4 sheets.



Paper Waste Recycling- May 24, 2022

Green Matters 2022

On April 22, 2022, Avani- the Environment Club of Janki Devi Memorial College conducted Green Matters- an online bilingual annual inter-college debate competition. The event was organised as a part of EKATVAM, the Environment Festival celebrations. The topic for the discussion was "PROFIT, PEOPLE AND PLANET CANNOT GO TOGETHER". The event was held online over zoom with 11 participants from different colleges and universities. The Principal of the college Prof. Swati Pal graced the occasion with her esteemed presence. Dr. Indu Anand, the former Principal of the college was the guest of honour. The competition was judged by Dr. Sangeeta Gupta and Ms. Tarini Pandey, faculty members at JDMC. The event concluded with three best speakers and one best interjector. Overall the event witnessed a healthy discussion on the topic and was a huge success.



Green Matters - April 22, 202

Screening of the Documentary- NATURE IN MUKTESHWAR

As part of EKATVAM 2022, Avani organised screening of the documentary "Nature in Mukteshwar" on April 21, 2022 from 2:30 pm onwards via Zoom. The documentary revolved around the natural habitat and flora and fauna of Mukteshwar. The screening was attended by around 20 participants. Mr. Ashfaq, Ms Neha Dixit and Mr. Ram the makers of the documentary also attended the screening.



Screening of the Documentary- NATURE IN MUKTESHWAR-APRIL 21, 2022

National Webinar on Just Transitions: Climate Actions With Trees and People

A National Webinar on the topic "Just Transitions: Climate Actions With Trees and People" was conducted by Avani in collaboration with Centre for Universal Values and Ethics, JDMC as part of Living Ethically with Nature Series (LENS) on April 21, 2022 as a part of the Environment Festival, EKATVAM. The speaker for the session was Dr. Rohini Chaturvedi. She started the

lecture by explaining about the just transitions happening around us. She further elaborated the significance of natural climate solutions and how individuals can perform their part. She also stressed the power of nature in tackling climate change. Concluding the session, she explained the role of rural communities in fighting climate change. It was an enriching and interactive session with various questions from the audience. The session ended on the note that we all should play an active role in preserving our environment.



National Webinar on Just Transitions: Climate Actions With Trees and People- April 21, 2022

Green Date: The Environment Quiz

The offline quiz competition (Green Date) was organised on April 20, 2022 as a part of EKATVAM – the Environment Festival, 2022. A total of 12 students of the Janki Devi Memorial College participated in the quiz. The quiz was designed using the online platform 'Quizizz' and was demonstrated on the smart board. A total of 50 MCQ were asked in the three rounds. The

winner of the quiz Ms. Sonia was handed a cash prize of 1200 INR. The runner up Ms. Bhivya was given a cash prize of 800 INR. All the students also received the participation certificate.



Green Date: The Environment Quiz- April 20, 2022

Documentary Screening: My Octopus Teacher

As part of EKATVAM 2022, Avani, the Environment Club of JDMC organized an online screening of documentary "My Octopus Teacher" on April 20, 2022 on Zoom platform. It is a wildlife documentary about how a man in crisis found joy and purpose through immersion in nature and a remarkable relationship with an octopus. This Oscar-winning Netflix documentary is an intoxicating, sensorially rich, and ultimately tender story about a man's very human relationship

with an animal who shares her mysteries of her world. The screening was attended by around 15 participants.



Documentary Screening: My Octopus Teacher-April 19, 2022

Nature Photography Workshop

On 19 April 2022, an online workshop on Nature Photography was held by Avani to celebrate the Environment Festival, EKATVAM 2022. The speaker for the session was Mr Arun Puri, a mechanical engineer by profession. For more than 20 years, he has been passionately in the creative field and has learned and loved the journey. He was awarded Bharat ke rung medal in 2017, Awarded 800+ times at Facebook groups, won photography competition organised by Ministry of Art and Culture under the theme "Jan Jan Mein Vigyan" in 2022.

Mr Arun puri started the session by introducing the Basics of photography. What are the important options and angles we have to keep in our mind while clicking any photograph? Types of cameras,

basics of taking photography through different types of cameras. He also taught the basics of editing. Further, he gave a brief description about how DSLR cameras works. In his lecture he also shed light on the important factors which affect picture quality, that is light source, quality of light, shutter speed, composition, resolution, focus, perspective and skill and editing. Understanding 'grid line' is an important as it provides perspective like how to place grid lines according to the view and what are the techniques for good photographs while using grid lines. He also showed some image compositions related to blurred background photography, ground level shots and guideline shots.



Nature Photography Workshop - April 19, 2022

Create from Waste 2022

On April 19, 2022 Avani, the Environment Club of JDMC organised an offline inter-college competition the Create from Waste. The theme for the competition in keeping with the Earth Day 2022 was "Invest in Our Planet". There were 10 participants in the competition. In the competition the participants made creative models on the given theme from the given waste material. Judge for

the competition was Dr. Nivedita, the Librarian JDMC. In the competition, three prizes were given. Shagun Pandey, Parul and Muskan Rani received I, II and consolation prizes respectively.



Create from Waste -April 19, 2022

Virtual Trip to YBP

On April 18, 2022 a virtual trip to the Yamuna Biodiversity Park (YBP) was organised as a part of EKATVAM – the Environment Festival, 2022. A total of 25 students participated in the virtual trip. The trip highlighted the importance of YBP as a prominent centre for learning and

understanding the environment in a city. The 1 hour virtual trip helped the students to understand the functioning of wetland, grassland, and forest ecosystems.



Virtual Trip to the Yamuna Biodiversity Park – April 18, 2022

Inaugural of the Environment Festival, EKATVAM

Avani, the Environment Club inaugurated its Annual Environment Festival, EKATVAM on April 18, 2022. To mark the launch of the festival as an offline event, **the Open House** was organised by Avani in collaboration with JDMC-IQAC. This entailed conversations on environment and nature. The guest speaker for the event was Mr. Vineet Vohra from Give Me Trees Trusts who informed students regarding how to plant and the relevance of planting to maintain a healthy and clean environment. In addition, the faculty members of the team Avani educated students on the Green Audit and multifarious activities conducted by the college showing the latter's commitment to a green and healthy environment. The session concluded by felicitating the participants who

successfully completed a 30 hour online Add-on Course, Striking a Balance: Environment and Society offered by Avani, the Environment Club.







Inaugural of the Environment Festival, EKATVAM- April 18, 2022

Avani Collects for Goonj

Avani launched its collective drive **Project Warmth 2022**- Edition I in the last week of February, 2022. The drive aimed at collecting only clothing material. It was a two weeks long drive which commenced on March 1 and ended on March 10, 2022. In total, 20 cartons of

clothes were collected and then 5 student members of Avani went to Goonj on March 11, 2022 to deliver the material collected, at the processing center of Goonj, located in Sarita Vihar, New Delhi.



Avani Collects for Goonj March, 2022

Inaugural Session of Add-on Course titled STRIKING A BALANCE: ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

The Environment Club, Avani under the aegis of JDMC-IQAC Centre for Universal Values and Ethics and Career Counselling, Career Opportunities and Skill Enhancement, Janki Devi Memorial College conducted the inaugural session of Add-on Course titled **STRIKING A BALANCE: ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY** on January 21, 2022. The speaker for the session was Ms. Sudeshna Saha who is Senior Fellow at Centre for Civil Society. The session started with keynote addresses by Prof. Swati Pal, Principal, JDMC and Ms. Vandana Madan, convenor, Avani, JDMC. The session was attended by course participants, faculty and student members of Avani, the Environment Club.

Ms. Saha talked about the environment through the terracotta vision which focuses on realigning incentives rather than reforming human nature and human action can be calibrated to positive environmental outcomes through communities, markets and incentives.

Lastly, modules were introduced by the coordinators. It was an insightful and interactive session.



Inaugural Session of Add-on Course titled STRIKING A BALANCE: ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY-January 21, 2022

Webinar on EcoSwaraj: Pathways to Sustainability and Justice

The Environment Club, Avani along with Centre for Universal Values and Ethics, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi successfully conducted a webinar on **EcoSwaraj: Pathways to Sustainability and Justice** on November 10, 2021 as a part of its annual event LENS: Living Ethically with Nature Series. The speaker for the session was Mr. Ashish Kothari, who is a renowned environmentalist and a founding member of Kalpavriksh/Vikalp Sangam. The webinar started with keynote addresses by Prof. Swati Pal, Principal, JDMC and Ms. Vandana Madan, convenor, Avani, JDMC. The participants included faculty and student members from JDMC, University of Delhi and other higher educational institutions in and outside Delhi.

The webinar was a comprehensive session with a PowerPoint presentation by Mr. Kothari.

During the presentation, Mr. Kothari highlighted examples of youth involvement in alternative initiatives for well-being through community mobilisation. He pointed out the technological innovations done by people for people. In this context, he mentioned substitute media, communications and transformatory arts in India. He also, focussed on five spheres of systemic

alternatives of EcoSwaraj- Flower of Transformation, where he stated the values and principles of these alternatives, that celebrate life. Further, the participants were educated regarding the role of youth in bringing to fore ecologically sustainable alternatives.

The webinar ended with question-answer session. The participants found the webinar extremely insightful and inspiring.



Webinar on EcoSwaraj: Pathways to Sustainability and Justice - November 10, 2021

Avani Celebrates the International Climate Action Day

Avani, the Environment Club of Janki Devi Memorial College on October 23, 2021 celebrated the *International Day of Climate Action* by organizing an interactive session on **How to live a Zero Waste Life.**

The speaker for the event was Ms. Ananya Kulkarni, a corporate lawyer based in the US. She commenced the session by stressing the significance of biocentrism and how we need to fulfill our responsibilities toward our planet. In the session she explained how we can replace plastic from our life and become responsible towards mother earth by making a contribution to a waste free environment. From toothbrush to menstrual hygiene products, she gave tips on how to efficiently live a zero-waste life and also shared some worth exploring websites on the same. She concluded the event by pointing out that we need to change our thought process in order to proceed towards adopting a zero-waste life.

The Principal of the College Prof. Swati Pal also joined the session and encouraged the students to develop a habit of recycling and reusing. The participants found the session very inspiring and insightful.



Avani Celebrates the International Climate Action Day-October 23, 2021

Avani Collects for Goonj

Avani, the Environment Club, JDMC completed a week-long collection drive for Goonj on October 8, 2021. The collection drive had commenced on October 2, 2021. As a part of the

collection drive clothes utensils, toys and books etc. were collected for Goonj, which the latter would be disbursing to the underprivileged to provide assistance to them in the pandemic times.



Virtual Tour of Yamuna Biodiversity Park

Avani, the Environment Club of JDMC on October 6, 2021 successfully organized a virtual tour of the Yamuna Biodiversity Park in coordination with the Yamuna Biodiversity Park to celebrate the Wildlife Week, October 2-8, 2021. The event was a grand success with attendance of more than 100 participants. The principal of the college, Prof. Swati Pal also joined the tour.

The tour consisted of a PPT conducted by the Yamuna Biodiversity Park, which highlighted the significance of diversity and variability in the nature. It took virtually all participants into the

biodiversity park and gave the holistic information about the minute details of the surroundings. Various species of flora and fauna, ranging from grasslands to wetlands were shown and their life processes were explained.

All the participants were mesmerized with the tour. The tour ended with Mr. Faiyaz Khudsar, scientist in-charge at the Yamuna Biodiversity Park answering the queries of the participants and highlighting the significance of ecosystems.



Virtual Tour of Yamuna Biodiversity Park- October 6, 2021

TASTE YOUR WASTE: COMPOSTING

As a part of celebration of Swachhata Pakhwada on September 15, 2021 Avani in collaboration with IQAC, organised an event, Taste Your Waste: Composting. The resource person for the event was Mr. Sakib Khan who is currently working with Edible Routes Foundation with an objective of making people aware about composting of biodegradable waste.

The event began with Mr. Khan asking participants to share their experience of composting. He then proceeded to explain about the significant elements and different processes involved in composting. In an interactive session, he displayed the right methods of doing composting and resolved the doubts of the participants for the same. His deep knowledge and the enthusiasm of all the participants made this event a great success.



TASTE YOUR WASTE: COMPOSTING-September 15, 2021

Poster making and Slogan Writing Competition

On September 13, 2021 Avani conducted a poster making and slogan writing competition as a part of celebration of SWACHHATA PAKHWADA 2021. The theme for the competition, THE OBJECTIVE OF CLEANING IS NOT TO JUST CLEAN BUT TO FEEL HAPPY LIVING IN A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT was announced on the spot. There were total 9 participants, 6 in poster making and 3 in slogan writing. Taniya from II year (JDMC) and Aditi from III year (JDMC) received prizes in poster making and slogan writing respectively.



Poster making and slogan writing competition-September 13, 2021

Quiz Competition

On September 6, 2021 Avani organised an intra college quiz competition for spreading awareness about the SWACHHATA PAKHWADA 2021. The competition was conducted on the Quizizz app, there were 23 participants in the competition. The winners of the competition were Sonia (First position) Priya (Second Position) and Shallu (Third position).



Quiz Competition- September 6, 2021

People-centric or Citizen-driven Urban Ecosystem Restoration In India

The Environment Club, Avani and IQAC, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi organized a webinar on the occasion of World Environment Day on the topic, People-centric or Citizen-driven Urban Ecosystem Restoration in India on June 5, 2021. The resource person for the webinar was Mr. Rijit Sengupta, the Chief Executive Officer of the Centre for Responsible Business (CRB). The event was attended by the faculty members and students from JDMC and outside. Prof. Swati Pal, Principal, JDMC graced the occasion. She commenced the event by explaining the importance of environment in enriching our lives.

Mr. Rijit Sengupta started the discussion by referring to his early life experiences of empowering the people to allow them to create healthy environment. He reflected on urban restoration and the kind of impact that environmental changes have in our lives. Further, he spoke about the Centre for Responsible Business and added that businesses can be and should be part of the environmental solutions as they have a direct impact on the ecosystem. He also informed about the theme for World Environment Day 2021, Ecosystem Restoration and pointed out how the vitality and diversity of earth's ecosystems are the basis of human prosperity and wellbeing. His focus was on concept of resilient ecosystem and how we, as a system, can try to improve our ability to adapt the changes around us. He concluded by talking about the ways in which citizens can be enabled and involved in the process of urban restoration. At last, he called out for action from the young millennial.

After the talk, posters made by the members of Avani on the occasion of World Environment Day were showcased and the event ended with an appeal to preserve and enrich the environment around us.



People-centric or Citizen-driven Urban Ecosystem Restoration In India- June 5, 2021