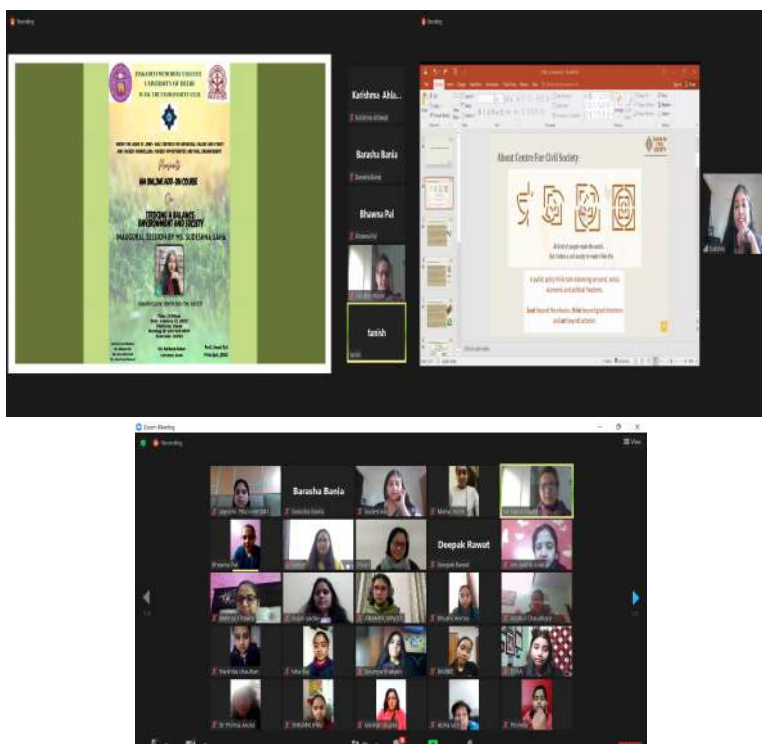


Inaugural Session of Add-on Course titled STRIKING A BALANCE: ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

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.



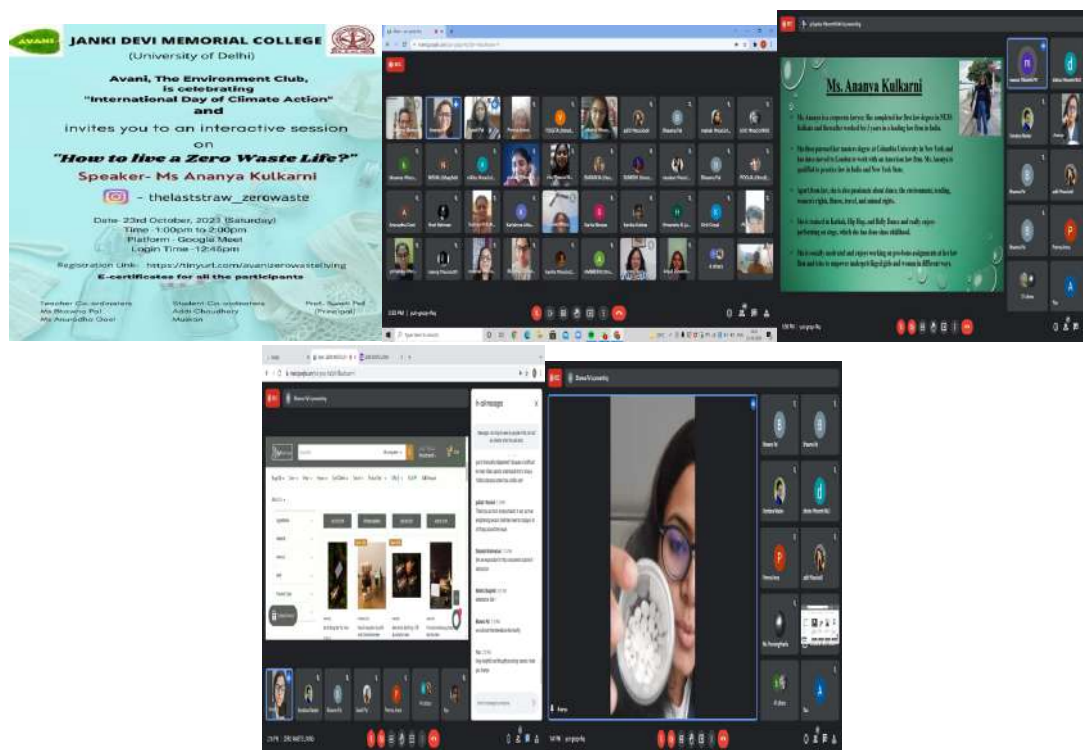
Webinar on EcoSwaraj: Pathways to Sustainability and Justice - November 10, 2021

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.

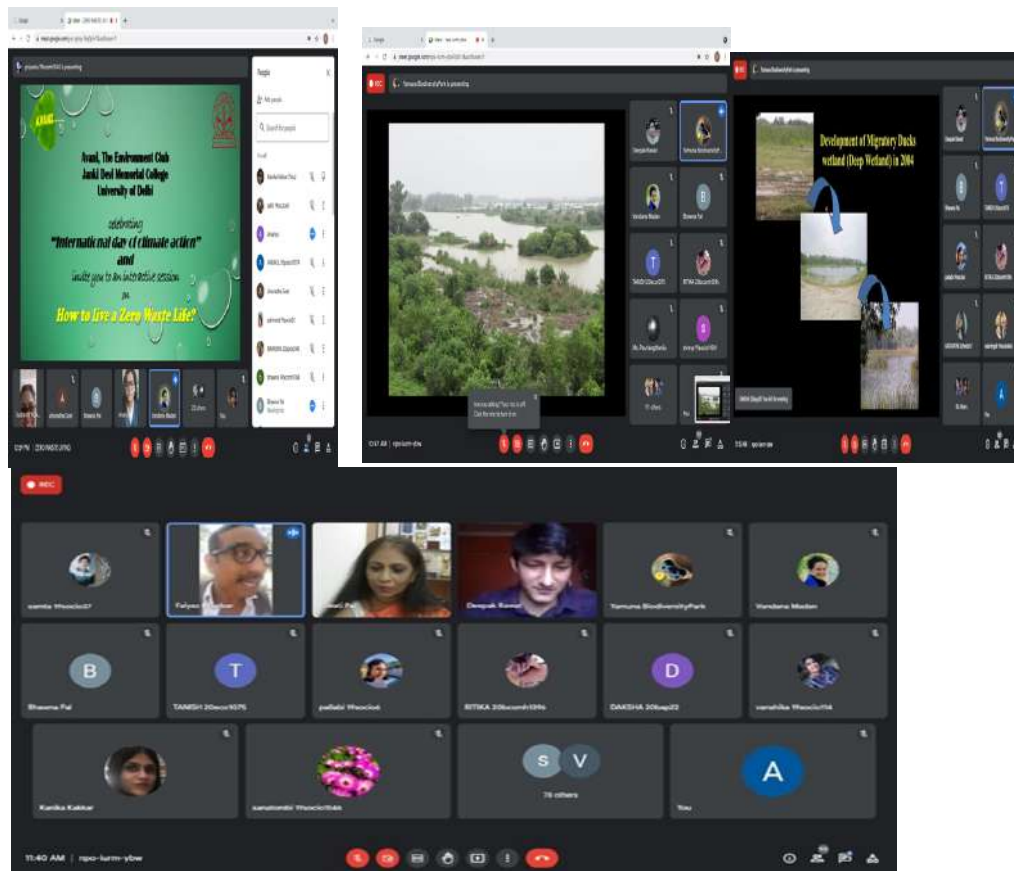


Virtual Tour of Yamuna Biodiversity Park

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.

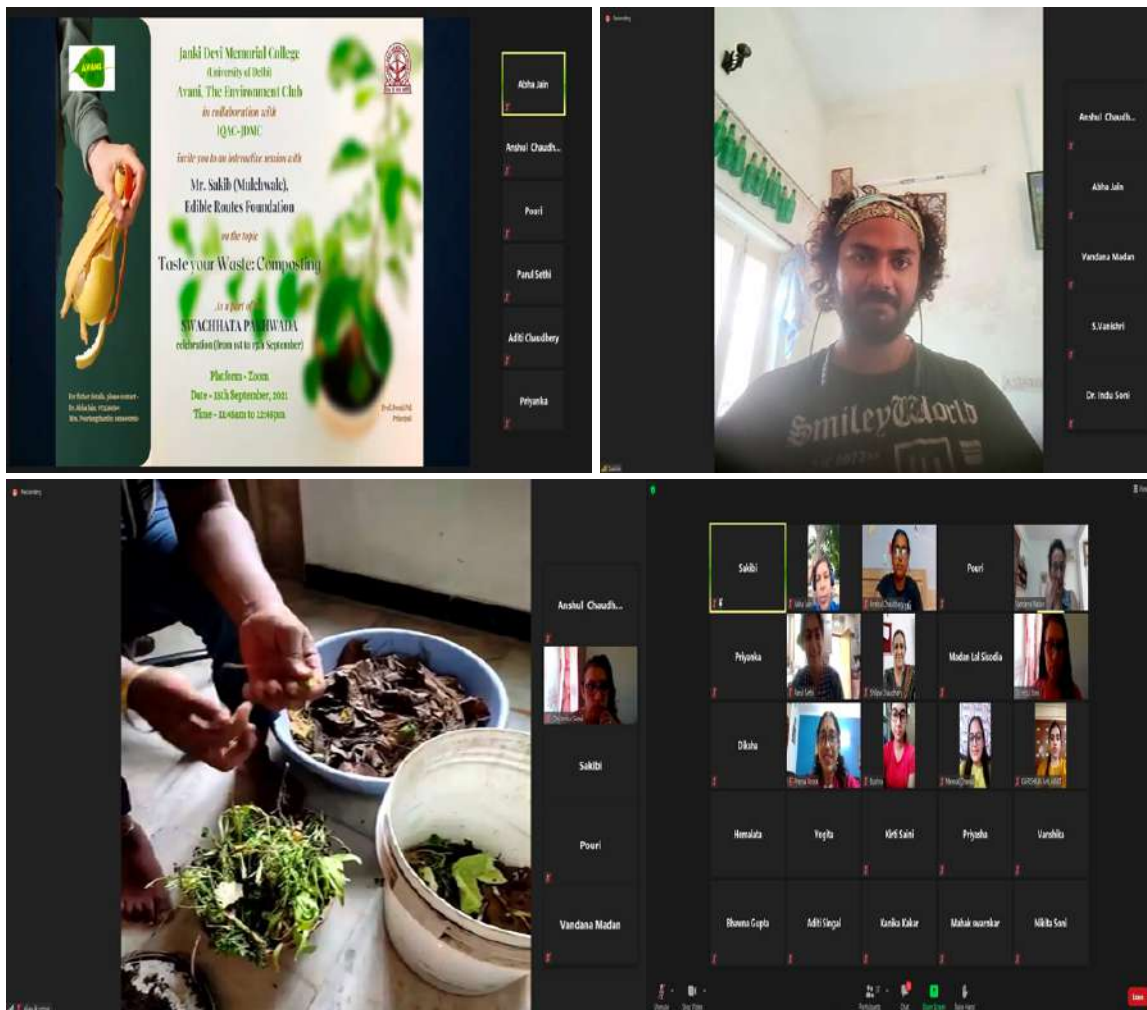


Virtual Tour of Yamuna Biodiversity Park- October 6, 2021

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).



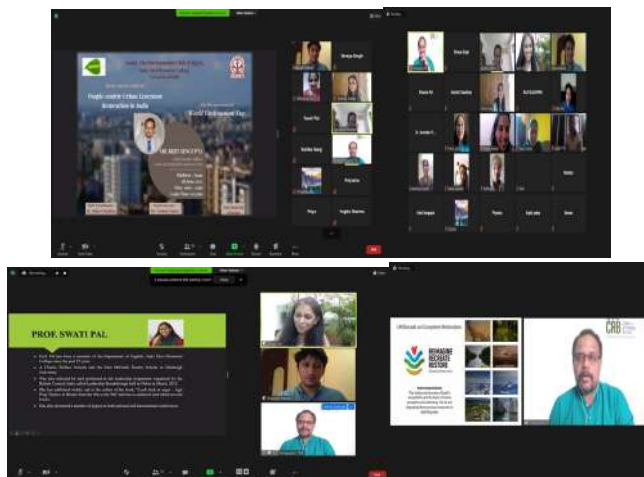
Quiz Competition- September6, 2021

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

