Eco Mart

The Environment Club of Janki Devi Memorial College (JDMC), under the aegis of IQAC, organised the inaugural of E(co)-Mart from October 23-25, 2024. This event, held at the JDMC Triangle, aimed to promote sustainable living by offering eco-friendly products that were produced or assembled on the college campus. The E(co)-Mart aligns with JDMC's commitment to environmental consciousness, encouraging students and faculty to adopt sustainable practices.

<u>Items Available:</u>

Compost for plants-1. Dry compost 2. Wet compost Diyas handpainted by jdmc students
Candles handpainted by jdmc students
Cloth Bags made by recycled material
Handmade Paper Bookmarks from recycled paper
Kitchen Garden Vegetables grown on campus.

Organised by Avani members with guidance from faculty, including Ms. Vandana Madan and Prof. Swati Pal, the E(co)-Mart emphasised JDMC's commitment to environmental awareness and sustainable practices. It inspired students to make greener choices, contributing to a more eco-conscious campus community.







Handmade Paper Making Workshop

Avani successfully organised a Handmade Paper Making Workshop on October 20, 2024. The workshop effectively combined education and artistry, guiding attendees through each step of the paper-making process, from sourcing materials to forming and drying their own sheets. Participants appreciated the comprehensive nature of the instruction, which included demonstrations on various techniques such as embedding natural fibers and experimenting with colors.

The interactive format facilitated lively discussions, allowing participants to ask questions, share tips, and showcase their creations in real time. Many expressed a sense of camaraderie, connecting with fellow craft enthusiasts despite the physical distance. The instructor's enthusiasm and expertise contributed significantly to the workshop's positive atmosphere, inspiring many to consider handmade paper as a sustainable alternative for their own projects.

The connections made during the workshop were particularly noteworthy, as participants formed a supportive community that encouraged ongoing collaboration and sharing of ideas. Many expressed a newfound appreciation for sustainable practices, emphasizing the importance of repurposing materials in their creative endeavors. Overall, this event not only imparted valuable practical knowledge but also inspired a lasting commitment to sustainable artistic practices, laying the groundwork for future workshops and creative exploration in the realm of handmade paper art. The enthusiasm and engagement from participants highlighted the potential for continued growth and innovation within this vibrant community.







Diva Painting Workshop

On October 17, 2024 Avani, The Environment Club and NSS, Janki Devi Memorial College, successfully organised a "Diya Making Workshop." The event, conducted under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), aimed to promote sustainability and creative expression by encouraging participants to celebrate the festival of Diwali with eco-friendly handmade diyas.

The primary goal of the workshop was to encourage students to adopt eco-friendly practices during Diwali by creating their own handcrafted diyas using natural and sustainable materials.

The workshop began at 12:00 PM with an opening address by the Avani and NSS coordinators, who introduced the significance of celebrating Diwali in an environmentally conscious manner. Under their guidance, participants engaged in painting and decorating their diyas using a variety of artistic techniques. Student coordinators Ankita Arora and Meerangi Bhandari provided helpful

tips on how to design unique and colorful diyas. The event saw enthusiastic participation from both students and faculty, who collaborated and experimented with different designs. The atmosphere was vibrant and festive, with students expressing their creativity and embracing the spirit of the festival. The Diya Making Workshop succeeded in fostering a sense of environmental responsibility while simultaneously nurturing creativity among the participants. Each student left the workshop with beautifully decorated diyas that could be used for their upcoming Diwali celebrations. The workshop was a team effort, made possible by the combined dedication of Avani and NSS coordinators, including the enthusiastic involvement of the student coordinators. The Diya Making Workshop was a highly successful and enjoyable event that celebrated the values of creativity and environmental consciousness. By crafting their own diyas, participants demonstrated how small changes in their festive practices could contribute to a more sustainable future.





E- Waste Drive

Avani, the environment club of JDMC, organised a successful E-Waste Drive from 10th to 14th October 10-14, 2024 near the college reception. Open from 9 AM to 5 PM, the drive accepted items like electronic devices, computer accessories, home appliances, and broken Diwali lights while batteries and bulbs were excluded. The initiative saw strong participation, collecting significant amounts of e-waste, and promoting environmental awareness within the college community. This initiative reflects Avani's commitment to reducing the harmful impact of e-waste on the environment and fostering responsible waste disposal habits among students and staff.





Paper Recycling Drive

On October 9, 2024 Avani, The Environment Club of Janki Devi Memorial College—organised a paper recycling drive to promote environmental awareness and sustainability within the college community. The event aimed to encourage students and staff to donate paper waste for recycling.

The drive saw enthusiastic participation, with several students and staff members bringing in their accumulated paper waste. By the end of the drive, a total of 70 tons of paper waste was collected. This initiative was organized in collaboration with "Scrapbook Uncle", a local recycling agent, to whom the collected paper was handed over for proper recycling.

The event successfully contributed to waste reduction and emphasized the importance of recycling as a step towards environmental conservation. Avani continues to be a driving force in promoting sustainable practices within the college.









Poster Making Competition - SWACHHTA PAKHWADA

Avani successfully organised a Poster Making Competition on September 19, 2024 as part of Swachhta Pakhwada. The event was held in the college auditorium and attracted participation from students across various departments. The theme of the event was "Clean India, Green India". The event aimed to raise awareness about environmental conservation, cleanliness, and the importance of a green, sustainable future. It brought together a large number of students, all enthusiastic about expressing their creative ideas and contributing to the nation's cleanliness and environmental initiatives.

The competition saw participation from 10 students across various departments. Each participant presented a unique perspective on the theme through their artwork, highlighting various aspects such as waste management, afforestation, pollution control, and sustainable practices.

The winners were announced during a small ceremony at the end of the event. Sanjana from B.Com Programme won the first prize, followed by Mansi Tanwar from B.A(hons) History, who secured second position. And all the participants were awarded with certificates and cash prizes.









Slogan Writing Competition - SWACHHTA PAKHWADA

On September 19, 2024 Avani conducted a Slogan Writing Competition on the theme "Clean India, Green India". The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of maintaining cleanliness and preserving the environment. The competition saw enthusiastic participation from students/members, who expressed their creativity and concern for environmental issues through impactful slogans.

The competition was open to all students/members, and over four participants from various departments took part. Each participant was asked to submit a slogan no longer than 15 words, focusing on the theme of a clean and green environment. The submissions were evaluated based on creativity, relevance to the theme, and the overall impact of the message. Aakansha from B.A Programme secured the first position.







Environment Walk--SWACHHTA PAKHWADA

Avani, The Environment Club, JDMC organised an Environment Walk on September 20, 2024 where the students participated in an insightful environmental walk organized by the college. This event aimed to highlight the institution's commitment to sustainability and its various environmental initiatives.

During the walk, students explored the biodiversity trail, where they learned about native plants and their roles in the ecosystem. The trail not only promotes awareness of local flora and fauna but also serves as a living laboratory for environmental studies.

Additionally, the students visited the college's kitchen garden, which is maintained by the college staff and volunteers. Here, they discovered sustainable gardening practices and the importance of local food production. The Kitchen Garden exemplifies the college's efforts to reduce carbon footprints and promote healthy eating.

Overall, the environmental walk fostered a deeper understanding of the college's environmental activities and encouraged students to engage in sustainability practices within their own lives.





Zero Emissions Day

On Zero Emissions Day September 21, 2024 Avani, The Environment Club collaborated with Anubhuti, The Dramatics Club, JDMC and organised a successful event to promote environmental protection. Participants went on a rally around college to spread awareness of reducing carbon emissions. Slogans such as, "clearer sky clean future", "no emission just pollution" and "dry waste

clean more" were used. The celebration fostered community engagement and a shared sense of responsibility, encouraging everyone to reduce their carbon emissions.

Our collective commitment to these pledges marks a positive step towards a more sustainable future.





Quiz Competition- SWACHHTA PAKHWADA

As a part of the Swachhta Pakhwada initiative Avani, The Environment Club of JDMC successfully organised an engaging Green Quiz Competition on September 23, 2024. The event aimed to raise awareness about environmental sustainability and promote eco-friendly practices among students.

With 36 enthusiastic participants from all years, the event was a hit!

The quiz had two fast-paced rounds, each with 15 environment-related questions, and a time limit to keep things competitive and fun. Students raced against the clock, testing their knowledge on topics like climate change, waste management, and sustainability.

The quiz was a great success, and participants expressed their appreciation for the informative yet competitive nature of the event. The initiative by Avani under the banner of Swachhta Pakhwada proved to be an excellent platform for students to deepen their understanding of environmental issues and take a step towards a greener future.

The winners of the competition were:

- 1. Riddhima Chaudhary BSC math hons. ,3rd year
- 2. Vaishnavi singh B.A. programme, 2nd year
- 3. Mukta dixit B.com programme, 2nd year
- , who impressed everyone with their outstanding performance.





Green Treasure Hunt - SWACHHTA PAKHWADA

Avani, The Environment Club organised an exciting event titled "Green Treasure Hunt" on September 24, 2024 aimed at first year students. This event was designed to increase awareness of the campus diverse plant life while making learning fun and interactive.

The participants were given questions that led them to discover different plant species on campus within a one-hour time frame. Volunteers were actively involved in explaining the objective of the treasure hunt guiding students through the process. The enthusiasm and curiosity of the students were evident as they ventured out eager to solve the clues and identify the plants.

At the end of the event prizes were awarded to the winners. Overall, the event was a success as it not only engaged the students but also highlighted the rich variety of plant life on the campus, fostering an appreciation for the environment.









No Vehicle Day- SWACHHTA PAKHWADA

On September 26, 2024 Avani, The Environment Club, JDMC under the aegis of IQAC successfully celebrated the World Environment Health Day. As part of the college's commitment to sustainability and environmental consciousness, the day was marked by observing a No Vehicle Day.

This initiative was held under the broader program of Swacchta Pakhwada, encouraging the college community to reduce their carbon footprint and promote a healthier environment on campus. All vehicles, except for emergency and assisted vehicles, were prohibited from entering beyond the main road. This restriction aimed to raise awareness about the harmful impacts of vehicular pollution and the importance of adopting sustainable practices.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff, who embraced alternative methods of commuting such as walking, cycling, and carpooling. It not only reduced noise and air pollution but also fostered a sense of responsibility towards a cleaner environment.

The celebration of World Environment Health Day through such initiatives highlighted the importance of environmental health in everyday life, encouraging individuals to make small but impactful changes for the betterment of society and the planet.









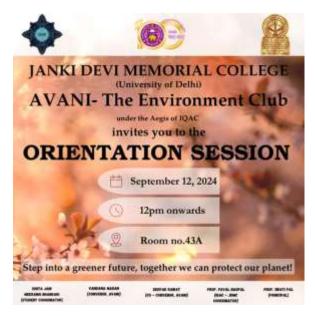




ORIENTATION

Avani, The Environment Club, JDMC successfully conducted its Orientation Day for the new batch of students on September 12, 2024. The event was designed to introduce freshers to the club's activities, objectives, and the importance of environmental conservation. The orientation aimed to create awareness and inspire the new students to take an active role in sustainabilityinitiatives on campus and beyond.

The event saw an enthusiastic turnout of fresher's. The orientation commenced with a brief talk given by the convenor, Dr. Vandana Madan who spoke about the upcoming activities and events. Following it, a detailed presentation was delivered by the team heads, explaining the activities and events done by the society and the accolades it has won till now.









Seminar: Living in the Shadows: The Indian leopard on 23rd August 2024

Leopards, with their elusive grace, face significant threats due to human activities and habitat loss. Avani, The Environment Club on August 23, 2024 organised a seminar on Snow Leopards on August 23, 2024 with Shatabdi Chakrabarti, a visual storyteller based in Delhi, captivating the audience with her insights. With a profound interest in wildlife, conservation, and communities, Chakrabarti focused on lesser-known species, habitats, and indigenous communities. Her compelling narrative highlighted the urgency of protecting leopards and fostering a harmonious coexistence.

In 2022, India's leopard population was estimated at 13,874, with 65% residing outside protected areas, exposing them to dangers such as poaching, human-wildlife conflict, and habitat displacement. States like Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Karnataka experience significant conflicts between leopards and humans. In the Delhi NCR region, leopards are found in areas like Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary, which houses about 10 leopards. Major threats in this region include illegal mining, lack of awareness, and retaliatory killings. To ensure the survival of leopards, it is essential to protect their habitats, enhance public awareness, and conduct telemetry studies to understand their movements and behavior better.

Protecting leopards requires a multifaceted approach involving habitat conservation, public education, and research. By addressing these needs, we can promote a respectful coexistence and secure a future for these elusive predators.





Vriksh Raksha Bandhan

Avani, The Environment Club organised Vriksh Raksha Bandhan on August 16-17, 2024. A meaningful event to honor trees and promote environmental conservation. Everyone tied rakhis to trees and pledged to protect them, fostering a sense of responsibility towards nature and its guardians. The celebration was graced by the presence of our Principal Ma'am and other convenors, who also joined in tying rakhis to the trees, setting a remarkable example of collective commitment. Together, we brought people together, encouraging community engagement and collective action to preserve our natural heritage, marking a positive step towards a greener future.







GOONJ Drive

1st August to 15th August 2024

Floods are among the most devastating natural disasters, often resulting in widespread destruction, displacement of communities, and severe economic losses. The recent flooding in Delhi has had a profound impact, leaving thousands without homes, access to clean water, and essential supplies. In response to this crisis, a flood donation drive was initiated from August 1 to 15, 2024 by Avani in collaboration with Goonj to support the relief efforts aimed at providing immediate and long-term assistance to those affected. The drive was conducted over a period of 15 days where students and teachers played a pivotal role in contributing significant amount of clothes, shoes, essential supplies, and food items. This drive showcased Avani's compassion and concern for humanity as all its members came together to support those affected by the floods. The contributions made by both students and teachers have been invaluable in providing much-needed relief to the flood victims. On August 21,2024 55 cartons of essential items collected as a part of this drive were sent to the Goonj center.



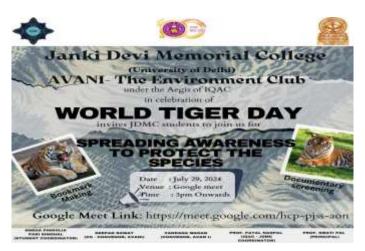






WORLD TIGER DAY

As a part of 'World Tiger Day' celebration on July29, 2024 an online documentary screening of "The Return of Tigers" was organised to raise awareness about the protection of these majestic creatures. The event aimed to educate and inspire students in a lot of topics ranging from the reasons for a sudden decline in tiger population like illegal poaching, to how their numbers are increasing in the present times. The bookmark making program encouraged the participants to unravel their creativity in making cute and thoughtful bookmarks.









World Conservation Day

On World Conservation Day July 26, 2024 Avani the environment club, organised a successful event to promote environmental protection. Participants took a pledge to reduce waste, save water, and protect wildlife. The celebration fostered community engagement and a shared sense of responsibility, encouraging everyone to adopt sustainable practices.

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30 DAYS CHALLENGE (10TH JULY-8TH AUGUST, 2024)

From July 10 to August 8, 2024 students took part in a daily Environmental Challenge, exploring simple yet impactful ways to reduce waste, conserve resources, and cultivate sustainable habits. Each day focused on a specific action or behavior aimed at reducing waste, conserving resources, and fostering eco-friendly habits

- 1. **Air-Dry Clothes:** Avoiding the use of clothes dryers, students opted for air-drying their clothes, significantly reducing energy consumption. This simple practice not only saves power but also prolongs the life of clothing. By hanging clothes to dry, students conserved energy and minimized their carbon footprint.
- **2. Composting Basics**: A small compost bin was set up to collect food scraps, diverting waste from landfills and creating nutrient-rich soil. This initiative promoted sustainable waste management, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and fostered an understanding of the importance of soil conservation. Students learned to turn waste into a valuable resource.
- **3. Reusable Revolution:** Students made a conscious switch to reusable water bottles, coffee cups, and shopping bags, dramatically reducing single-use plastics. This change minimized waste, conserved natural resources, and decreased plastic pollution. By adopting reusable products, students significantly lowered their environmental impact and promoted a culture of sustainability.
- **4. Waste Audit:** Participants conducted a thorough waste audit, collecting and categorizing their daily waste to identify areas for improvement. This exercise revealed patterns of consumption, highlighting opportunities to reduce, reuse, and recycle. By understanding their waste generation, students could make informed choices to minimize their ecological footprint.
- **5. Unplugging Practice:** Students developed a habit of unplugging devices, turning off lights, and conserving energy. This simple practice significantly reduced standby power consumption, lowered energy bills, and decreased carbon emissions. By being mindful of energy usage, students contributed to a more sustainable future and developed environmentally responsible habits.

The 30-Day Environmental Challenge successfully engaged students in sustainable practices, reducing waste and resource consumption. Students gained awareness of their environmental impact and committed to eco-friendly behaviors. The challenge fostered community and empowerment, inspiring continued sustainability efforts. It proved an effective initiative, demonstrating practical steps to reduce environmental footprint and inspiring a broader movement towards a sustainable future, encouraging ongoing practice and advocacy.





Just watched a documentary on the Western Ghats' environmental issues.

It's alarming to see the threats from deforestation and climate change.

The film underscores the urgent need for conservation to protect this crucial ecosystem.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

On World Environment Day, June 5, 2024 a collaborative plantation drive was organized by Avani: The Environment club, NCC, and NSS, marking a significant contribution to environmental

conservation. Volunteers came together to plant a variety of saplings, aimed at increasing local greenery and improving air quality. The event underscored the importance of collective action in addressing climate change and promoting sustainability. Participants engaged in educational activities about the benefits of trees and the role they play in a healthy ecosystem.

The successful drive exemplified how community efforts can lead to meaningful environmental impact and foster a stronger commitment to protecting our planet.

