## ECO CLUB REPORT 2021-22

Vasudha, the Eco Club, in collaboration with the Department of Political Science and Department of History, Ram Lal Anand College, University of Delhi, organized a webinar on 23rd July, 2021 on *'Gandhi and Environment'*. The speaker for the event was Prof. John S Moolakkattu from the Department of International Relations and Politics, Central University of Kerala. He was earlier professor at Mahatma Gandhi University, IIT Madras and held the inaugural Gandhi – Luthuli Professional Chair in Peace Studies, University of KwaZulu – Natal, Durban, South Africa. The purpose of this webinar was to understand Gandhi's views on the environment in a holistic manner. It helped us realize how Gandhi is still an inspiration to modern day environmentalists like Vandana Shiva and Ram Guha, who have discoursed at length his dialytic opinion on various tenets of the environment.



As we are all aware that Swach Bharat Abhiyan has become a Jan Andolan and Clean India Mission has become a force to be reckoned with across the nation. Taking this initiative ahead, on 13<sup>th</sup> September, the Eco club launched **Swachta Pakhwada 2021** in the college by conducting Swachta Pledge online by students across all departments.

**Swachta Pakhwada 2021** served to connect students to nature and enhance those actions that make our country a better place.

On 16<sup>th</sup> September,2021, the society also organized a poster making competition on world ozone day. The events was entitled "**Ozone for Life**" and many students participated in

these events enthusiastically.



Continuing with its tradition of preserving Environment and having eco-friendly activities, Vasudha Eco Club of Ram Lal Anand College, University of Delhi also organized a *Pan India Plantation drive* 2021-22 in the month of December to sensitize community about environment consciousness under the guidance of principal Prof. Rakesh Kumar Gupta. More than 40 participants (of History honors 1st year) from different states have participated. The main objective of this drive was to increase surrounding green cover, to engage and make everyone aware of plant protection, preservation and wellbeing. Needless to say, the drive became the huge success, group of students gathered people around them, chanted slogans like "*Ped lagao ped bachao*" and planted around 200 saplings (in total) of Neem, Ashoka tree, Hibiscus, Bael tree, Tamarind plant etc. In various localities with great zeal. Some plants were gifted by local residents and nursery to support this noble initiative wholeheartedly and by this way the light of awareness spread from an individual to groups.

The students gained invaluable experience and knowledge about the different species and procedure of planting trees. Mainly, this event served a quadruple purpose- to educate the youth, contribution to the betterment of nature, skill development and reminiscience.

The society in collaboration with National Service scheme organized a webinar **on Climate Change and environmentally geared economics** on 22<sup>nd</sup> April,22. The distinguished speaker was Dr. Nidhi Mathur, Lecturer, Department of Economics, Montclair State University New Jeresy. The event was a resounding success and students enthusiastically participated in this event.

These webinars and events encouraged students to gain a changed perspective and fruitful insight on how human practices can affect the ecology and helped enlighten the students

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for their responsibility towards saving and taking care of nature.

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