Vasudha - ECO CLUB

Ram Lal Anand College, University of Delhi

18th September 2018

Vasudha - The Eco Club of Ram Lal Anand College headed by Mrs. Shachi Meena (convener) and Dr. Parul Lau Guar (co-convener) lives up to it's idea for reforming activities within the college locale to instil the practice of protecting the environment from pollution and destruction among the students and to encourage students to play a more active role in doing so.

For the segregation of waste produced in the college Eco club installed and arranged garbage and recycling bins at different locations on the college grounds. Proper measures were taken to ensure that the groups of segregated waste would be sent for recycling & to make compost.



After successful placement of these waste disposal bins, members of the Eco Club organized a "Waste Management Awareness Drive" on the 20th of September'17 where the general body of the college was informed about the correct method of segregating waste into the bins, the purpose of this segregation and the ultimate fate of the segregated waste. Members of the Eco Club went from classroom to classroom repeating the importance of the practice of waste segregation. Placards were also used to provide a visual representation of the information being given across.



The students received this information with a positive attitude and even gave their feedback. This way Eco Club was successful in establishing waste segregation at the very source of disposal, providing a source for making compost for the college gardens and to effectively ingrain this exercise among the students and staff of RLA.

On **27**th of **September'17**, the Eco Club orchestrated a seminar on the topic "**Nurturing Ecology: Human Practices and Conservation**". Various colleges of the University of Delhi were informed of this occasion and students encouraged to participate.

Eminent guest speakers were invited to speak at this event including Shri Bharat Dogra ji, a journalist and activist, Dr. Mayank Kumar, esteemed professor of Delhi University and Ms. Tamanna Sharma, director at Earthling First. A great interest was taken by substantial number of students in attending the seminar. The guests were received with great enthusiasm from the audience and a potted plant as a token of appreciation. Each guest speaker gave their views and opinions about the obstacles faced by the youth to implement sustainable living and protecting the environment. The audience and the speakers had an impactful interaction. Intriguing questions were raised by the students present in the audience that addressed their hurdles in preserving nature and reducing the carbon footprint.

At the end of the seminar, Principal Dr. Rakesh Kumar Gupta thanked the guests for their time and inspired the students to promote and inculcate habits healthy for our Earth. The guests were then invited to plant sapling of trees in the college garden as a gesture of restoring the environment. The seminar ended with students gaining a changed perspective and fruitful insight on how human practices can affect the ecology.

On the **22**nd of February **2018**, another seminar on "Globalization, Emerging trends & Environmental issues" was organized in which guest speakers Professor Ayanadar Arunachal, Principal scientist and director at ICAR () & Professor Radhey Shyam Sharma, professor at department of environmental studies, University Of Delhi were invited to speak.

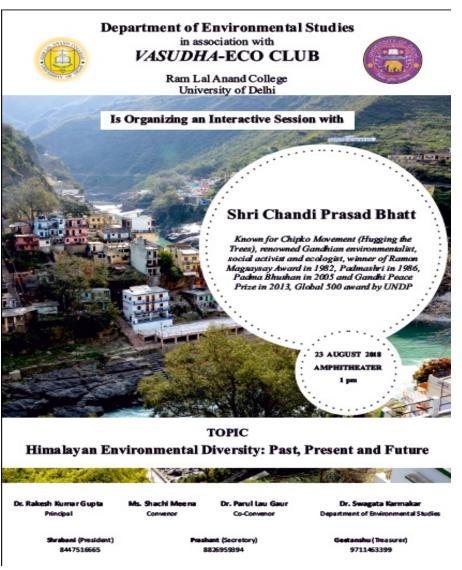






Department of Environmental Studies, Ram Lal Anand College and ECO Club-*Vasudha* organised an interactive session with renowned environmentalist Padma Bhushan **Shri Chandi Pradad Bhatt** on **23**rd **August 2018**. The programme started with the lamp lighting and the principal addressing with the

importance of environment and diversity especially Himalayan regions and significance of environment education and awareness. After that Shri Bhatt presented few slides on the significance of Himalayan diversity and their impact on past, present and future also the causes and effects of depletion etc. It was followed by an interactive session initiated by Shri Bhatt with the audience regarding his experience with Chipko movement.













On **14th of September 2018**, a series of competitions including poster making, slogan writing, graffiti drawing and rangoli competitions were organized on the occasion of **World Ozone Day** on 16th of September. The events were themed around Ozone Day and many students participated in these events enthusiastically.











These seminars 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 of their responsibility towards saving and taking care of nature.

- Shrabani Snigdha (President of Eco Club)