

INSTITUTE OF HOME ECONOMICS (2019-2020)

DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND DESIGN
APPLICATION

ECO-CLUB 'Prakritik'

Department of Resource management and Design Application has initiated a unique sustainable forum for students by opening an eco-club named 'Prakritik'. The Eco-club 'Prakritik' is a means by which students can be empowered to participate and take up meaningful environment-related activities or projects for a sustainable future. The Eco Club offers wonderful opportunity and empowers the students to explore environmental concepts & knowledge, build attitudes and promote them, so that they can actively take up environment friendly activities in the real world. This club creates ecological awareness among the youths and asserts its importance with the legacy of '*Go Green with Sustainable Living*'.

The initiatives are:

- **PLANTATION DRIVE**

Eco-club organises plantation drives time to time. This year also plantation drive was initiated to sensitise students on the value of tree plantation. Students enthusiastically participated and became acquainted with the common names of the saplings like neem, tulsi, and other medicinal plants. Some students have also brought the saplings from their homes or neighbourhood for plantation.

- **MAKING HARVEST/COMPOST FROM AEROBINS INSTALLED BY IPCA**

IPCA has installed Aerobins in the premises of Institute of Home Economics under the project 'S.O.R.T' (SEGREGATION OF ORGANIC-WASTE FOR RECYLING AND TREATMENT). Aerobins convert organic waste into compost within 40 days in a hygienic and environment friendly way. Thus, compost was made timely by utilising organic waste or household waste.

- **HANDS-ON WORKSHOP ON 'MAKING RECYCLED PAPER-PRODUCTS'**

Mr. Piyush Pant, Resource person from TARA was invited for a day to provide students the hands-on experience in making recycled paper products. Hand-made papers were provided to the students for making Notepads, envelopes, carry bags and photo frames. Students thoroughly enjoyed the workshop of creative-making and their products were displayed during the exhibition of Academic day celebrated by RMDA.

- **INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP ON INTERNATIONAL POLAR BEAR DAY**

Delhi Greens observed the International Polar Bear Day on 27 February 2020 by conducting an interactive workshop for the students of Institute of Home Economics (IHE), University of Delhi. The International Polar Bear Day is a global event which aims to draw attention to the challenges polar bears face in a warming Arctic and the

urgent need to take action to ensure their future. The interactive workshop was suitably titled, **Think Global, Act Local to Protect the Future** and was organised in collaboration with the Eco Club of the IHE. The blog written and shared by Dr. Ritu Atheya, an eco-club coordinator for the same was also updated on Delhi Greens website.

Blog Link: <https://delhigreens.org/2020/02/27/international-polar-bear-day-observed-at-and-with-ihe/>

- **ECO-CLUB'S PARTICIPATION IN 'UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN'**

Members of the eco-club and students also participated in the conclave on “Circular Economy of Plastic Waste and Livelihood Opportunities & Excellence Awards for Academia and Community”, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay. The event demonstrated an inspiring example for the coming generations to save environment and encourage Plastic Free Life in the campus.

- **POSTER-MAKING COMPETITION TO CELEBRATE ENVIRONMENT DAY**

Poster-making competition was kept for the students studying Resources and Sustainable development to celebrate environment day theme 2020 ‘Time for Nature’. Through posters, students showcased their skills and demonstrated the present-day scenario besides suggesting steps to preserve nature.

- **WEBINAR ON 'OUR FUNDAMENTAL DUTIES'**

Department of RMDA in collaboration with Eco-club ‘Prakritik’ has organised a webinar on ‘Our Fundamental duties’ on 10th September 2020 (Thursday) from 11-12:00 PM. The Resource Person was Dr. Parul Dixit, Head, Department of Law, DAV PG College, Dehradun. Speaker highlighted the meaning of rights and duties and importance in our day to day life. Along with fundamental duties, articles and Directive Principles of State Policy were also briefed to students. All the students, faculty, staff enthusiastically participated in the webinar. Students asked many questions about their rights, constitution etc.

Active participation of the students into various activities witnessed the legacy of eco-club ‘prakritik’.