## **Prizes in Competitions**



Prizes in Competitions-March 6, 2019

Avani is proud of its student members who participated and won prizes in events for spreading awareness on environment related issues organised by various colleges of Delhi University. Priya Jha and Gayathri won Ist prize in painting competition on the topic *Perception of Youth on Climate Change* in Environment Club Annual Fest- Peepal 2019 held at Shivaji College on March 29. Also, Pallavi won IIIrd prize in Best out of Waste Competition, held at Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies on March 6, 2019.

#### Green Matters, A Brief Report

On 6th March, 2019 Avani for the third time successfully organised the inter-college debate Green Matters. The topic for the debate was *Building dams on rivers is more important than Regional Cooperation and Environmental Sustainability*. The debate was well attended with students from and outside the University of Delhi, participating individually, and in a two member team, speaking bilingually for and against the motion. There were three prizes given for the best speakers and two for the best interjections. The running shield was once again won by the team from JDMC. Poonam and Garima from the B.A. Programme were the members of the team. The debate was judged by Dr. Swati Diwakar and Gyan Prakash Sharma from the Department of Environmental Studies, University of Delhi. They pointed out to the students the significance of making cost-benefit analysis while constructing dams and also the need for protecting natural systems. Dr. Indu Anand, the former principal of JDMC was the guest of honour. Dr. Swati Pal congratulated the team Avani for successfully hosting the debate and thanked the judges sparing their valuable time and gracing the occasion.





Green Matters, A Brief Report-March 6, 2019

## Report of Create from Waste, organised by Avani during Symphony 2019

The Create from Waste Event was successfully conducted on 10th January. The event was well participated with students (16) from and outside Delhi University. Even the faculty members (4) participated in the event. The theme of the event was after symphony, 2019, Go Catch a Rainbow.

The participants were to pick up five dry waste items from the waste displayed and give it a form with explanation based on the theme. Ms. Rita Sinha was the judge for the event. Three prizes and a consolation were given. These were bagged by Pallavi, Apoorva, Naman and Shubham respectively. From faculty the prize was won by Ms. Bhawna.



Report of Create from Waste- January 10,2019

## Aao Bag Banaye Stall during Diwali Mela

As a part of its campaign against plastic waste team Avani set its stall during the Diwali Mela, Jyotsna on November 2, 2018 to sell handmade cloth bags. The stall was a part of Aao Bag Banaye segment of Avani. The handmade cloth bags were well received by students and the teaching community in the college who purchased the same showing their commitment towards creating a plastic free environment.



Aao Bag Banaye Stall during Diwali Mela-November 2, 2018

## **Treasure Hunt Competition**

The Environmental club, Avani of JDMC successfully organised its annual Treasure Hunt competition on October 3, 2018. There were twenty five first year students who participated in the competition. The students conglomerated outside the college cafeteria where they were given a list of ten environment-based questions for which they were required to find answers by looking around in the college. The competition was an enjoyable and learning experience

for the students. Ms. Sonali Rohilla and Rashmi Arora from B.A. (Programme) were given cash prizes for bagging first and second position in the event.



Treasure Hunt Competition- October 3, 2018

#### Workshop- Environment and Alternatives to Plastic, September 22, 2018

On September 22, 2018 the team Avani in collaboration with the Smart Company organised a workshop *Environment and Alternatives to Plastic* for students and faculty members of the college to spread the message of promoting plastic free environment. The workshop was well attended with around 75 student participants. They were addressed by Mr. Mohit Tiwari from the NGO regarding the benefits of using green bags as alternative to black plastic bin liners in order to solve the problem of accumulation of plastic waste. He also pointed out that the problem of disposal of wastes like sanitary napkins and diapers especially in public restrooms may be tackled well without putting the cleaning staff under duress and hardship by using smaller green bags, which there NGO manufactures.

Following the workshop the Smart Company at the behest of team Avani held an interactive session with the students from the Sociology Department of the college. The students actively participated and suggested the NGO that the green bags may have a more far reaching impact if sold with more gender sensitive brand name as 'smart citizens' instead of 'smart mom' and 'smart girl'. The team Avani in collaboration with the Smart Company plans to put a stall in the college campus to sell green bags for an eco-friendly disposal of sanitary waste. The Smart Company has promised for sale of every hundred green bags, it will give fifty sanitary napkins which, Avani will distribute among the women of marginalised sections as part of its social responsibility project.



Workshop on Environment and Alternatives to Plastic- September 22, 2018

## Say No to Plastic with The Biodegradable Bags September 20, 2018

The Environment Club, Avani of JDMC took further its Say No to Plastic campaign by introducing green/biodegradable bags manufactured by the NGO, 'The Smart Company' for waste disposal to its students and faculty members. These bags are look-alike of the conventional plastic bags but are eco-friendly as they get decomposed in six months. Dr. Shilpa Chaudhary from the Economics Department, JDMC became first member of the faculty to purchase a pack of 100 biodegradable bags from the NGO on September 20, 2018.



Say No to Plastic with The Biodegradable Bags- September 20, 2018

#### Vegetable Harvest at Ecozone, September 2018

The harvest of vegetables at Ecozone is another feather in the cap for the team Avani. In the month of September, 2018 team Avani got extremely delighted to see their hard work put in

tending the vegetable cultivation at the Ecozone to start yielding results. The vegetables grown include bitter gourd (karela), brinjal, ridged gourd (torai) and chillis. These are sent to the JDMC hostel for use.



Vegetable Harvest at Ecozone-September 2018

## **Collection for Goonj**

The Environment Club, JDMC-Avani successfully completed its collection for the NGO, Goonj on August 14, 2018. The students and faculty members actively participated by donating for the endeavour. The items collected and delivered to the NGO consisted of old clothes, bed sheets, curtains, utensils, shoes, sanitary pads, medicines, candles and ration. A team of students from Avani visited Goonj and delivered the items. The involvement of Avani with Goonj reflects its commitment to the serve the underprivileged and humanity. Also, it reiterates Avani s earnest concern towards saving the environment, for Goonj stands for the spirit of recycling, whereby donated old clothes are reinvented as eco-friendly sanitary napkins, patchwork quilts or bed sheets before they are distributed.



Collection for Goonj-August 14, 2018

#### **The Monsoon Plantation Drive**

The Environment Club, Avani of JDMC successfully held the monsoon plantation drive in association with the Garden Committee, University of Delhi and Mission Vriksha on August 20, 2018. The Principal of the College, Dr. Swati Pal took the lead in the tree plantation drive, emphasising the significance of the greener and cleaner environment. She along with the students and faculty members enthusiastically planted trees brought by the volunteers from the NGO, Vriksha throughout the drive way and other areas of the college.



The Monsoon Plantation Drive-August 20, 2018

#### The Swachhata Pakhwada Activity

The Environment Club, Avani in collaboration with the student members from the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and National Service Scheme (NSS) at JDMC participated in the Swachhata Pakhwada activity on September 14, 2018. The event started with girls taking a pledge in the presence of the Principal Dr. Swati Pal to keep the college surroundings clean. This was followed by students forming groups and engaging in cleanliness drive both inside and outside the college. The students were given poly bags, masks and brooms for the purpose. The areas cleaned included auditorium, the area around the new basketball ground and the college gate.



The Swachhata Pakhwada Activity-September 14, 2018

# **World Environment Day Celebration**

The Environment Club, Avani along with the Garden Committee at JDMC celebrated the World Environment Day on June 5, 2018. As a part of the celebration a tree plantation drive was organised.



World Environment Day Celebration-June 5, 2018