#### **International Conference**

As a member of Centre for Universal Values and Ethics, JDMC, Avani participated in organising an ICSSR sponsored, two-day International Conference on "Indigenous Knowledge System and their relevance in Contemporary Time". As a part of the conference, Avani conducted two plenary sessions. The first plenary session was conducted on April 23, 2024 on "Environmentalism: Sustainability and Traditional Practices". The speakers for the session were Prof. Toshimenla, Nagaland University (online), Ritu Rao, the Teri School of Advanced Studies (offline), Mr. Rijit Sengupta, CRB (online) and Dr. Akash Verma, Singapore University (online). They spoke on varied topics related to the need for revival of traditional knowledge for sustainable environmentalism. The conference revolved on focusing on community sentiments and building up on inter-generational equity and preservation of traditional knowledge to challenge modern Western capitalism centric development paradigms. This session was chaired by Mr. Deepak Rawat, JDMC.

On the second day on April 24, 2024, the plenary session was on the theme "Environmentalism: Sustainability and Conservation". The session included screening of two documentaries, one on ghariyal conservation by Dr. Gaurav Vashistha and the other on Taungiyan community of Maharajganj, UP and their struggle to conserve their Sal forests by Mr. Dheeraj Sarthak. The third speaker, Dr. Vasudha Pande reflected on the Eastern Himalayan Environmentalism. The Session was chaired by Ms. Vandana Madan, JDMC.

The second plenary session was followed by the paper presentation session on "Environmentalism and Sustainability". There were six paper presenters who spoke on diverse themes relating to conservation and preservation of Indigenous practices for environmental sustainability.



International Conference- April 23-24, 2024

#### **Ekatvam, The Annual Environment Festival**

Avani, the Environment Club, JDMC successfully celebrated its week-long Annual Festival, Ekatvam from April 22-26,2024. The festival included seven events with 193 participants from JDMC and outside. The festival included an open house interaction, film screening, a rope crafting workshop Photography, Poster-Making, Quiz and Green Matters Debate competitions.

Janki Devi Memorial College (University of Delhi)  AVANI- The Environment Club presents  EKATVAM 2024		
DATE	EVENTS	Coordinators
April 22, 2024 (II:45AM onwards)	Open House Interaction	Ms. Vandana Madan
April 23, 2024 (2:45PM onwards)	Documentary Screening	Sneha Pingolia Pari Singhal
April 23, 2024 (Till 6PM)	Photography Competition	Ms. Pouriangthanliu
April 24, 2024 (11:45AM - 12:45PM)	Poster Making Competition	Ms. Kanika Kakar Ms. Ankita Kumar
April 25, 2024 (II:00AM - I2:30PM)	Quiz Competition	Dr. Deepak Rawat
April 26, 2024 (II:45AM onwards)	Rope Crafting Workshop	Ms. Vandana Madan
April 26, 2024	Green Matters	Ms. Bhawna Pal Ms. Anuradha Goel

#### Open House

To celebrate the Earth Day, Avani, the Environment Club of JDMC on April 22, 2024 conducted an Open House in collaboration with the Green Dream Foundation on theme 'Waste Segregation: A Way of Life'. The aim of the Open House was to create awareness about waste segregation and its importance in leading an eco-friendly lifestyle.

The convenor of the society, Ms. Vandana Madan formally commenced the event with the felicitation of the esteemed guest speaker, Ms. Simran Gupta, Associate Manager, Green Dream Foundation and alumna JDMC. This was followed by Ms. Gupta sharing insights on the environmental impact of improper waste disposal and provided practical tips for adopting sustainable waste management practices. There were 80 participants who attended the Open House. They actively engaged in conversations about the role of individuals in waste management, exchanging ideas and strategies for adopting waste segregation habits. The Open House encouraged the participants to build connections and collaborate for collective environmental action, emphasising the importance of a community-driven approach to sustainability.







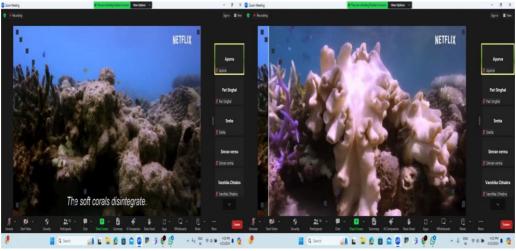
Open House -April 22, 2024

## **Documentary Screening**

Avani, the Environment Club of Janki Devi Memorial College, organised an Online Documentary Screening of "Chasing Coral" on April 23, 2024 to raise awareness about coral reef conservation and environmental sustainability. The event aimed to educate and inspire students about the importance of protecting coral reefs and the marine ecosystem.



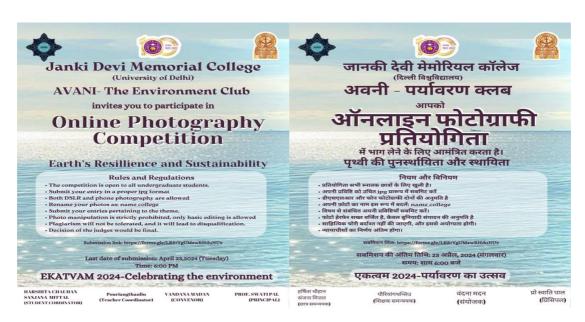




Documentary Screening- April 23, 2024

## Photography Competition

An Online Photography Competition was organised on April 23, 2024. The theme for the competition was Earth's Resilience and Sustainability. The participants participated in the competition by submitting their photographs on the given theme.



Photography Competition-April 23, 2024

## Poster-Making Competition

A Poster-Making Competition was organised on April 24, 2024. The theme for the competition was Indigenous Knowledge and Environmental Sustainability.



On April 24, 2024 a Poster-Making Competition-April 24, 2024

# Quiz Competition

On April 25, 2024, a Quiz Competition was organised as a part of Ekatvam, the Annual Environment Festival. The event began with a formal introduction of the quiz and its rules by Dr. Deepak Rawat, the Teacher Coordinator, followed by the commencement of the competition on the Quizziz app.

The competition unfolded in several stages:

- 1. **Mock Round** (11:25 AM): Participants familiarized themselves with the Quizziz app through two practice questions.
- 2. **Round 1** (11:33 AM 11:42 AM): This round featured 20 questions. The top 18 participants advanced to the next stage.
  - 1st place: Tanishka Choudhary
  - 2nd place: Vaishnavi Singh and Tanvi Drall
  - 3rd place: Samruti Swadipa Sahoo

- 3. **Wildcard Round** (11:55 AM 11:57 AM): A timed round with 10 questions and individual timers. Seven participants advanced from this round.
  - Top 3: Yashvi Mandloi, Katyayani Nirmal, and Divya kumari
- 4. **Round 2** (12:03 PM): This round comprised 15 timed questions and had 25 participants.

1st place: Tanishka Choudhary

• 2nd place: Vaishnavi Singh

• 3rd place: Kiran

5. **Discussion Session**: A question discussion session was held at the end of each round.

The event concluded with a discussion session, followed by prize distribution to the top-performing participants. Overall, the Quiz Competition proved to be a successful and engaging event that fostered environmental awareness and knowledge among the students at Janki Devi Memorial College.





Green Date, The Quiz Competition- April 25, 2024

## Green Matters-The Inter-College Debate Competition

A Bilingual Inter-College Debate competition, Green Matters was organised under the aegis of the Annual Environment Festival, EKATVAM 2024 on April 26, 2024. The competition was conducted in an online mode.

The judge for the event was Ms. Sushruti Tripathi, a climate change lawyer working with Invest India in the Policy team and the Net Zero team. She has a specialised LLM in Climate Change and Environment Law and has published on various environment related issues. The topic for the competition was "Exposure of micro plastics is too low to cause environmental risks".

The competition provided a platform for students to discuss their thoughts on the given topic and explore the topic thoroughly. It served as a platform for showcasing the competitor's eloquence and intellectual prowess. After careful evaluation, the following students emerged as the winners: 1st Prize: Abhilipsa Das, Rajdhani College, 2nd Prize: Vidhi Arora, Bharati College and 3rd Prize: Anurag, Sri Venkateshwara College.





Green Matters-The Inter-College Debate Competition-April 26, 2024

## Rope Crafting Workshop

Avani, the Environment Club of Janki Devi Memorial College organised a rope crafting workshop under the Annual Environment Festival, EKATVAM 2024 on April 26, 2024. There were 14 participants from JDM, who joined the workshop.

The workshop was conducted by Ms. Epshita Kanaujia, Assistant Professor and a handicraft designer. Her products are made of eco-friendly materials and are available at ekobee handicrafts. She is currently teaching at the Delhi School of Journalism, University of Delhi. She has an avid interest in creative works and has actively participated in projects that exercise her abilities.

She started the workshop by explaining the various techniques used in rope making. She emphasised the use of eco-friendly for the craft of rope-making. She then demonstrated the craft and explained the techniques that she used. She gave a hands-on training to the participants of the craft by engaging them in making coasters along with her.



Rope Crafting Workshop- April 26, 2024

#### **Outreach Activity with Green Dream Foundation**

As a part of an outreach activity a team of students from Avani participated in a dry waste Clean-up Drive organised by the NGO, Green Dream Foundation near Lal Quila (Red Fort) Metro Station Gate Number 4 on March 23, 2024. This activity was facilitated by Ms. Simran Gupta, Associate Manager, Green Dream Foundation and an alumna of Janki Devi Memorial College. The primary aim of the drive was to contribute to the preservation of Lal Quila and its surroundings by collecting dry waste and fostering environmental awareness among the participants. As a recognition of their dedication and commitment to environmental conservation, the student participants were presented with certificates by the Green Dream Foundation upon the successful conclusion of the cleanliness drive. This activity proved invaluable for the students, instilling in them a profound sense of responsibility towards the environment and nurturing a spirit of community service. Their active involvement not only contributed to the enhancement of a significant landmark but also underscored the importance of maintaining cleanliness in public spaces.



Outreach Activity with Green Dream Foundation-March 23, 2024

#### Nature Walk to Celebrate the World Sparrow Day

A Nature Walk was organised on the Biodiversity Trail in the college for the faculty members and students by the Nature Conservator, Ms. Parul Daga on March 20, 2024 on the occasion of the World Sparrow Day to bring them in communion with the environment and ecosystem. Ms. Daga led the faculty and students focusing on the native flora emphasising the importance of diverse plant life and the benefits in supporting various insects and birds species. She highlighted the diminshing flora and the changing climate scenario as significant reasons for disappearence of sparrows from the urban spaces.





Nature Walk to Celebrate the World Sparrow Day-March 20, 2024.

#### Avani disposes waste in collaboration with Scrap Uncle

Avani disposed around 299 kgs of waste consisting shredded paper, electric cable, plastic, aluminum and iron items were disposed and given to ScrapUncle on February 13, 2024, reinforcing commitment to a cleaner and healthier environment by inculcating ethics of recycling.





Avani disposes waste in collaboration with Scrap Uncle-February 13,2024

#### **Create From Waste**

Avani, the environment club of Janki Devi Memorial College University of Delhi, hosted the Inter-college "Create from Waste" competition, as a part of the Annual College Festival, Symphony on February 1, 2024 inspiring innovative sustainability solutions. Participants from the Delhi University showcased ingenuity by repurposing waste materials into valuable creations. From art installations to functional products, the event promoted eco-conscious creativity. The competition exemplified Avani's commitment to fostering environmental awareness and encouraging sustainable practices within the community.

The judges for occasion were Ms. Madhuri, Director, JDVC and Ms. Prerna Butta, faculty member, JDMC. The competition was graced by the presence for the Principal, Prof. Swati Pal who congratulated the participants for making eco-friendly models.





Create from Waste- February 1, 2024

## **Project Warmth**

A Winter Collection Drive was organised from January 20 to February 10, 2024 in collaboration with the NGO, Goonj. A part of the drive, the faculty and students of JDMC donated clothing items, blankets, quilts etc., to Goonj reinforcing their concern for humanity and vulnerable segments of society.



Project Warmth- January 20 to February 10, 2024

#### **Avani Celebrates the World Toilet Day**

Avani the Environment Club celebrated the World Toilet Day on November 24, 2023 acknowledging the *safai karamcharis* for their self-less contributions. As a part of the celebration various fun activities and refreshments were organised. The *safai karamcharis* were presented stolls/muffler, a handmade cloth bag, and a sweet box as tokens of appreciation.





Avani Celebrates the World Toilet Day-November 24, 2023

# Avani participates in the Diwali Mela

The Jyotsana (the Diwali mela) event was a grand celebration of Diwali, the festival of lights. The event was organised by the combined efforts of staff, student union and various societies, including Avani, the environment club. Avani participated in the mela with a stall showcasing handmade bags, hand-painted diyas, and face painting services. The stall was a great success, generating enough revenue to cover the expenses. The event was a fun and vibrant affair, with a variety of dance performances, food stalls, and other attractions.

Avani's stall attracted a steady stream of visitors. The handmade bags, which were made by students as part of the club's monthly activity, were particularly popular. The intricate designs and vibrant colours of the bags drew in students and teacher attention towards the stall. The hand-painted *diyas* with their delicate patterns and vibrant colours also attracted the crowd. The face painting service was found extremely exciting with the students lining up to have beautiful designs painted on themselves.









Diwali Mela-November 6, 2023

## **Face Painting Competition**

Avani, the Environment Club, JDMC, University of Delhi organised an intra-college face painting competition on October 6, 2023 to celebrate the Wild Life Week. The event aimed to raise awareness about wildlife conservation through the creative medium of face art. Participants displayed exceptional artistic talent, transforming faces into captivating wildlife representations. The theme of Wildlife Week inspired students to research and incorporate intricate details into their designs. The competition not only showcased the artistic prowess of the students but also emphasized the significance of protecting the natural world. All the participants were awarded with cash prizes for displaying their artistic skills and talents for concern for protecting and conserving the wildlife. The face painting competition during Wildlife Week was a resounding success, fostering a sense of environmental responsibility among the college community and serving as a reminder of our shared duty to safeguard our planet's magnificent creatures.







Face Painting Competition -October 6, 2023

# Winter Planting in the Krishna's Kitchen Garden

On September 26, 2023 Avani, the Environment Club, JDMC commenced the planting of vegetables in the Krishna's Kitchen Garden for the forthcoming winter season and celebrated the International Environment Health Day. The vegetables planted included fenugreek, spinach, red round radish, beetroot, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, French beans, coriander red and green lettuce. The students from team Avani joined in planting activity and had a fun-filled experience.



Winter Planting in the Krishna's Kitchen Garden-September 26, 2023

#### **Green Treasure Hunt**

On September 20, 2023 AVANI, the Environment Club of Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi, organized a Green Treasure Hunt to celebrate the World Emission Day. The event was a big success, with a huge participation from the first-year students. The students participated forming teams. Each team received a questionnaire, which was to be answered within 45 minutes. The answering of the questionnaire took students all around the College and search and identify in its environs the rainwater pits, solar panels and banyan trees etc. The event was found extremely enjoyable and exciting by the participants.



Green Treasure Hunt- September-20, 2023

## Avani disposes Paper Waste

Avani, the Environment Club JDMC disposed its paper waste for recycling to ScrapUncle on September 18, 2023. A total of 88 kilos of paper waste was handed over.

## Slogan Writing Competition-Swacchata Pakhwada, 2023

The Environment Club of JDMC under the aegis of IQAC and G-20 Jan Bhagidari, organised an Intra-College Bilingual Slogan Writing Competition as a part of Swacchta Pakhwada celebrations on September 14, 2023. The theme of the competition was "Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability", which was in line with the G20 objective to address Climate Change. There were 10 students who participated in the Slogan Writing competition. The winners of the competition were Vrinda Saxena of B.Com (H) - 1st prize, Anjali Gurjar of BA(H) Political Science-IIInd prize, Lipsa Patra of BA(H) Political Science-IIIrd prize and Shivani Jha B.Com (P)-Consolation prize.

The competition engaged students enthusiastically and made them reflect on issues pertaining to environment, cleanliness and community involvement and participation.



Slogan Writing Competition-Swacchata Pakhwada, 2023

## Quiz Competition - Swachhta Pakhwada 2023

Avani- the Environment Club of JDMC in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Studies under the aegis of IQAC and G-20 Jan Bhagidari, organised a Quiz Competition as a part of Swachhta Pakhwada on 12th September 2023. The topic of the competition was "Sustainable Development Goals". The competition was conducted through quizizz app and was demonstrated on the smart board. There were a total of 78 participants further divided into a team of two players, ie, 39 Teams.

Abhima Vats of B.A. Prog. (Economics) & Riya Raina of B.A.(H) Sociology secured the first position; Anjali Gurjar of B.A.(H) Political science & Lipsa Patra of B.A.(H) Political science secured the second position, followed by Hrithika Oshi of B.A. Prog. (History & Political science) & Arushi Thakur of B.A. Prog. (English & History). All the other students received an e-certificate.



Quiz Competition - Swachhta Pakhwada, 2023

#### Krishna's Kitchen Garden-Mou

Avani entered into an Mou with Mr Puran Singh Neigi for the maintenance and upkeep of Krishna's Kitchen Garden on September 4, 2023. Post the signing of the Mou Mr. Neigi inspected the garden and made suggestions for the winter vegetables, he will be planting the following months.

#### Fresher's Orientation

On September 1, 2023 Avani, the Environment Club, JDMC conducted an online orientation for the 1st year students educating them regarding how they can contribute towards creating a green and clean environment. The orientation session was also attended by some students from IInd and IIIrd years.

During the session the students were informed about various activities which Avani conducts like the Green Matters Debate, Create from Waste, Swachhta Pakhwada, Bathroom Hygiene Workshop, Awareness on world toilet day, Quiz competition and Poster Making Competition, etc. They were made familiar with the annual week-long Environment Festival, EKATVAM organised by Avani and the activities which are done under it. The students were also apprised about Avani's collaboration with the NGO, Goonj and the relief work it engages in.



Fresher's Orientation-September 1, 2023

#### Avani sends Relief Material to Goonj

The Environment Club, Avani, JDMC in collaboration with the NGO, GOONJ organised its first collection drive for flood relief for the academic session 2023-24 in the month of July. As a part of the drive cash was collected for procuring relief material. On August 23, 2023 two students, Ms. Harshita and Ms. Barbie from the team Avani visited the Goonj processing centre, and delivered the relief material. The material that was delivered included dry ration, clothes, blankets, umbrellas, buckets, and other necessities.









Avani sends Relief Material to Goonj- July/August, 2023

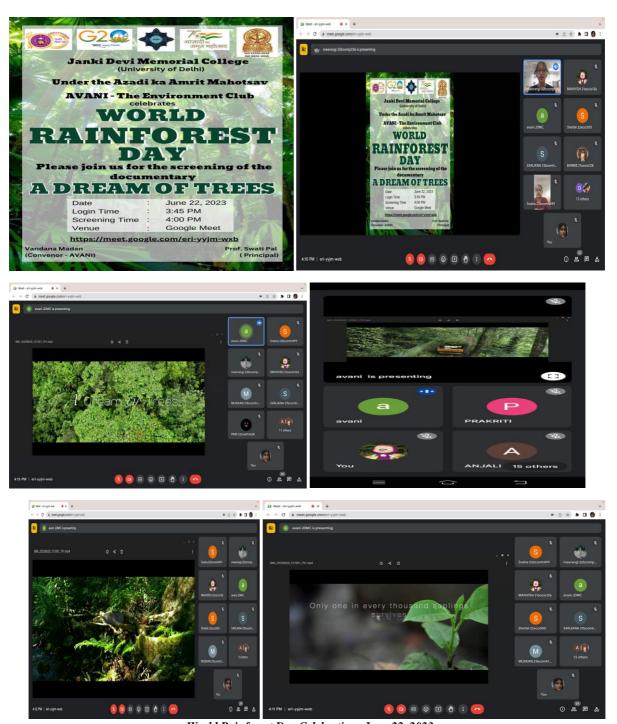
# Avani Celebrates the World Rain Forest Day: A Report

AVANI, the Environment Club of Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi organised an online screening of the documentary, "A Dream of Trees" on the occasion of the World Rainforest Day under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav on June 22, 2023. The World Rainforest Day was founded in 2017 by the organisation, Rainforest Partnership and calls for a global movement to protect and restore standing rainforests for healthy climate and promoting biodiversity, culture, and livelihoods.

The screening session started with Ms. Meerangi, student member from Avani welcoming the participants and motivating them to engage in environment friendly activities. This was followed by Ms. Sneha, student member from Avani apprising the participants on rules to be followed during the screening of the documentary.

The documentary screening began at 4:00 pm with students' members of Avani attending it. The documentary unfolded the tale of ecological restoration of degraded tropical rainforests in the Anamalai hills of the Western Ghats, India. It was an inspiring story of restoration and reviving the connections between plants and animals and between people and rainforests in a

shared landscape. The participants watched the documentary with keen interest and found it extremely enriching.



World Rainforest Day Celebration- June 22, 2023

# **Avani Celebrates the World Environment Day**

Avani, the Environment Club, JDMC celebrated the World Environment Day on June 5, 2023 by hanging birdhouses and birdfeeders made of recycled material in the college lawns. Both

the students and faculty from the college participated in the event and spread awareness regarding conserving nature by providing a safe environment and easy access to food to the birds.



World Environment Day-June 5, 2023