

Prithvi is an environmental society established under the Department of Environmental Science at Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi. With a mission to promote and protect the environment, Prithvi aims to create awareness and inspire action towards environmental conservation. The society organizes various activities and initiatives to engage students and the community in environmental issues, fostering a sense of responsibility and sustainable practices. Through its efforts, Prithvi strives to contribute to a greener and more sustainable future.

LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2022-23

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Activities of Prithvi

1. UDAAN (A day to admire nature)

On the occasion of World Environment Day, which was celebrated on 5th June 2022, a group of 30 members from the Prithvi society visited the Okhla bird sanctuary. The aim of the visit was to provide a platform for inspiring positive change and provide some time to the ones who live in cities, which are synonyms for concrete jungles, are deprived of the bounties of nature and so we decided to spend some time in nature by visiting Okhla bird sanctuary to escape from the hustle and bustle of the city life.

2. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN INDIAN CONTEXT- VISION 2030

On 18th July 2022, Prithvi society organised a seminar for the students. In this event two special guest Prof. Pawan K Joshi from Jawaharlal Nehru University and Prof. Radhey Shyam Sharma from University of Delhi, to present their opinions on SDGs and answer the relevant queries of students. The event is conducted very smoothly in which number of students participated and the best three questions of student was awarded.

3. AWARENESS DRIVE

On the occasion of World Ozone Day, which was celebrated on 16 September 2022. We conducted an awareness drive the main aim of the campaign was to aware the crowd about the need to protect the ozone layer and how important the ozone layer is to us. The event commenced with displaying the posters of CFC free products and CFC core products thereby providing information about how we can wisely use the better products. An awareness rally was organized throughout the college campus to make every person aware of the motive of the event.

The rally comprised recitation of various effectual slogans like:- "*Get in the zone to SAVE OZONE*" "*Protect our zone, Protect our umbrella* " "*Umbrella protects you from the rain, Ozone protects you from the rays*"

4. CLEANLINESS DRIVE

On 28th September 2022, Prithvi society organized a cleanliness drive in the areas that included the Bhool Bhulaiya Monument of Mehrauli, the Mehrauli Bus Terminal, and the market area. About 15 members actively participated in the drive and 4-5 kgs of garbage were collected by the students including plastic waste and other materials. The students worked both individually and in groups and collected garbage while maintaining proper sanitation and taking safety precautions. The garbage was collected and put into the garbage bags. Those bags were then together handed over to the SDMC Office worker of Malviya Nagar.

"WILDLIFE WEEK SERIES"

Prithvi - Society for Environment, observes "**Wildlife Week**" from 2nd October to 8th October 2022, and on occasion the occasion of wildlife week, we conducted a series of events.

This year it will be celebrated under the theme "*recovering key species for ecosystem restoration*", as a way to draw attention to the conservation status of some of the most critically endangered species of wild flora and fauna.

5. 'PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION'

The first event of this series is 'PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION' on the theme "*Exploring the Wild flora and fauna of Delhi*". The photography competition was held throughout the week, and the results were declared on the 8th of October by Dr. Sunaina, mam from the history department. The competition was open to all the students of Delhi University. Many students from across the University of Delhi took part in the event, and the winner was announced during the seminar.

6. STAY TREAT (Animal shelter visit)

On the 7th of October, 2022 we visited "ANIMAL SHELTER", at Sanjay Gandhi animal care center, Shivaji College Rd, Raja Garden, New Delhi. Around 10 members visited the place, all passionate and filled with exuberance. As we entered the place, we saw that they had hundreds of differently-abled animals including cats, dogs, cows, and camels in their shelters. They explained to us their whole working process of how they get those abandoned animals and how they cure them.

7. SEMINAR ON PROTECTING THE WILDLIFE IN UNPROTECTED AREAS

On 11th October 2022, the much-awaited event begins with a special seminar on '*Protecting the wildlife in unprotected areas*' with one of the most renowned personalities Mr. Wasim Akram. He is the Deputy Director - Special projects of the famous NPO Wildlife SOS established in 1995. The seminar's main motive was to inform young minds about how animals suffer because of human practices and what should be done to protect them. The session was quite integrative. Under this seminar, we also inaugurated our "PROJECT AVES."

8. " PROJECT AVES"

Project Aves has been launched to be a gathering place where everyone can come together for the love of nature and all of its creations. The project's primary goal is to raise awareness among young people. This initiative offers the opportunity to discover all bird species in Delhi NCR, engage in discussions with wildlife enthusiasts, and pique one's interest in wildlife photography.

9. DOCUMENTARY SCREENING ON "MY OCTOPUS TEACHER"

We ended this series on the 12th of October by organizing a DOCUMENTARY SCREENING ON "MY OCTOPUS TEACHER" in the botany lab of the college. The screening aimed to increase awareness amongst the people about wildlife and show the human connection with wildlife. All the society members and other students watched the movie quite enthusiastically. After the screening, a short quiz was also held. Questions were asked related to the movie itself, and winners were also rewarded with prizes.

10. WINGS OF WONDER

On 14th November 2022, We visited the "Wings of Wonder" WWF Office, Lodhi Estate, for the exhibition. Nearly 50 members actively participated in the visit. The event was initiated under the Project Aves, an ornithology club of the Prithvi society that focuses on making people aware of the bird species in our Delhi NCR region. The project members gained great insights from the event. The exhibition was indeed insightful.

11. ORIENTATION + INTERVIEW

On 23 November 2022, the Prithvi society organised an orientation program for the fresher batch. We conveyed the purpose and propagated the extremely important social cause to the freshly arrived batch. From short GD rounds to fun-filled games and speeches by the office bearers, it was a fun learning-packed program for the juniors in which they participated actively.

In the response to this orientation program, We received nearly 200+ registration. As for the recruitment process, an interview was conducted in which many freshers enthusiastically took part. And the best of them get selected as our prithvi members.

12. BIRD WATCHING EVENT ON NATIONAL BIRDS DAY

On the occasion of National Birds Day, our society visited a wetland park I.e., 5th January 2023 under our ornithology club Aves. This wasteland park is a perfect model of environmental synergy and water conservation; Noida's dumping ground site, has been bio remediated, recovered and converted into a beautiful green wetland with pathways and play areas. It was an informative and interesting visit with an amazing experience with lots of rides

13. THUMBPRINT PAINTING

On the occasion of world wetland day, we organized a thumbprint painting event on 2nd February 2023. The event aimed to raise awareness about wetlands and methods to restore them. Prithvi members visited several South Delhi wetlands and a summarised report was presented at the event. An interactive thumb printing activity was performed by college students near the red wall signifying their support to conserve wetlands. Students also showed their love for the environment by painting nature's symbols on their hands

14. BIRD WATCHING EVENT

On 24 February 2023, Prithvi under project Aves visited Neela Hauz Biodiversity Park. The aim of the visit was to explore the biodiversity of India and to encourage them to show their enthusiasm for exploring nature. There were about 35-40 members of project Aves who actively participated in the visit. When we entered, we saw a lake in which there were different types of ducks and Swans. In one part of the lake, we found floating plants made of thermacol.

15. PARIVARTAN: THE ANNUAL FEST

- Prithvi - Society for Environment organized PARIVARTAN: The annual fest 2023 on 25th and 26th April 2023, celebrating Earth Day.
- The event focused on investing in our planet Earth and raising awareness about environmental issues.
- The fest began with the introduction of the principal and chemistry department representative.
- The event included felicitation, lamp lighting ceremony, Vatika Vandana, and a speech by the principal.
- A speaker session on environment conservation and solutions was held by Pramod sir from the chemistry department.
- A ramp walk showcased outfits representing the elements of nature.
- ALLEGRO, the college's Western Music Society, gave an inspiring performance.
- A poetry competition highlighted the importance of nature and its beauty, with Sagar from Shaheed Bhagat Singh College securing the 1st position.
- A stage play competition celebrated storytelling and emotional reflection, with team JHAROKHA winning the 1st position.
- The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Juhi Katara, the president of Prithvi Society.

Regards,
Team Prithvi (2022-23)