

Botanical Society (Nargis)

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Treasurer- Ms. Preeti Mathpal

The Botanical Society 'Nargis' of Zakir Husain Delhi College commenced its activities for the academic year 2021-22 by appointing the office bearers of the society with Dr. Babeeta C Kaula as President, Dr. Deepika Sharma as Vice-President, Ms. Srota Satapathy as Secretary, Mr. Bijji Mathew as Joint-Secretary, Ms. Preeti Mathpal as Treasurer. Furthermore, the society opened doors for more students to increase student participation. The team now has a content creator team, Ms. Khushi Pandey and Ms. Pragati Sakhya as content creators, Md. Asrar as graphic designer and student volunteers as Ms. Ritu Dhillon, Ms. Lavanya Sharma, Ms. Khansa Mohsin, Mr. Sidhartha, Mr. Chetan Choudhary, Ms. Annanya Gupta, Ms. Jhanvi Singh, Mr. Anzar Shafi Magloo, Ms. Fathimi N, Mr. Nakul Shokeen, Ms. Ananya and Mr. Mayank Raj. The society was extended to social media to have a larger reach and is efficiently handled by Ms. Asna Khan and Mr. Abrez Israil as social media Managers. The Botanical Society is actively involved in overall grooming of the students for their holistic development. Being a botanical society special emphasis was given to environment related issues and various inter-college events were organized throughout the year.

On World Environment Day, 5th June 2021, under the UNDP theme of 'Generation Restoration' the Botanical Society 'Nargis' organised many intercollege events like, interactive games – Build World, Build Ecosystem (an interactive quiz game having various rounds of riddles, jumble words and pictorial), Green Selfie competition (participant has to click a selfie with the greenery around), Floral Press Art and Challenge accepted (a mandatory activity to ensure the registration of each participant at UNDP earth restoration initiative). The event received an overwhelming response across the colleges.

On 10th June 2021 a webinar **on 'Pandemic, Paradigm Shift and Our Concerns'** was conducted by the Botanical Society in collaboration with IQAC of the college.

On 31st August 2021, the Botanical society in collaboration with the College Garden Committee organized a talk cum workshop on the entitled 'A Route to Roots' to acknowledge the 'VRIKSHAROPAN' initiative of University of Delhi. It aimed to address the decrease in tree cover in residential localities and spread awareness about the problem and possible measures.

The event was graced by Guest Speaker Dr. Karuna Pal Gupta. Her tales of interconnection of humans with Nature kept the attendees hooked to the lecture. She talked about a plethora of topics like curation of personalized gardens, propagation of plants, and caring of delicate plants and specific plants like *Adenium*, white lily etc.

The students were requested to take up a plant sapling as a friend, plant it in a pot and click a picture with it while hugging a tree.

The society also organised entry based online competitions like **meme and montage making competition and photography competition on the occasions of World Ozone Day, 16th September 2021 and World Wildlife Week 2021(1st October 2021 to 7th October) respectively**. The competitions received astonishing entries from different colleges, departments as well as pass out students. Being an online event, the results were announced on our social media platforms along with the wonderful entries of the participants.

On **27th November 2021**, the society organised the inaugural ceremony-cum-lecture for the session 2021-22. The lecture was delivered by Guest Speaker Dr. Reeta Khosla on '**Waste- A Valuable Resource**'. The primary aim was to make students familiar with the needs of the society, inspire students to learn the actual meaning of waste as a valuable resource at a crucial turning point of their lives. The goal was achieved on the day itself as many first year students joined the society as volunteers.

On **7th January 2022**, the virtual fresher's welcome '**Parichay**' for the batch 2021-24 was organised.

On **2nd February 2022, World Wetland Day** an online submission based slogan writing competition was organised. The theme for the competition was '**Wetland Action for People and Nature**'.

On **5th February 2022 – Basant Panchami, an inter-college and inter-university virtual Debate competition** was organized on "**Climate Justice- A Human Right?**". The event received an overwhelming response across various institutes.

On 12th February 2022 -Darwin's Day, was marked with an IPR Awareness Programme. The lecture was delivered by our guest speaker **Ms. PrachiPrateeti, IPO Delhi** who familiarised the participants with various aspects of IPR and concluded the session with an engaging and informative quiz session.

On 8th March 2022 -International Women's Day, the Botanical Society organised its **annual fest 2022, Myrtle**. Various submission based events were conducted such as Skit competition (theme- Woman and the Environment), Lady de Botanica- sketching competition (women in Botany), and collage making competition (theme- Woman and the Plant World).

On **12th April 2022 –Our Flagship Event –The Dr. Virender Kumar Rolling Shield Environment Quiz** was organised. This is an annual inter-college event. This year the winners of the Trophy were the students of SGTB Khalsa college, University of Delhi

On April 26,2022 the Botanical Society organized farewell '**Safarnama**' for the outgoing batch of B.Sc (Hons.) Botany IIIrd year.

The society now plans to address a socio-environmental issue every month and has taken up the responsibility to move towards a zero waste life-style this month onwards. The society nourishes and trains the minds with a hope of making each of its students an ambassador of environmental protection!

Looking forward to a green and healthy future when the seed of our 'Nargis' disperse in faraway lands!