

Nature and Environment Society: Srishti 2019

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Srishti the Nature and Environment Society is for the nature lovers dedicated to the conservation of nature and the environment with their firm efforts and devotion. The activities of the society for this academic session started with the registration cum orientation program for new members. The objectives and the action plan of the society was communicated to the students. Attention was also drawn towards the recent environmental issues facing the nation and the world at large. A short presentation was shown to the members on the deteriorating condition of Yamuna River and its impact on flora and fauna.

The inaugural lecture of *Srishti* titled 'Bamboo- A Green Gold' was organised on September 12, 2018. Dr. Krishna Kumar, Scientist C, North East Centre for Technology Application and Research (NECTAR), Department of Science and Technology (DST) was invited to deliver the lecture.

Environmentalist Foundation of India (E.F.I) is an environmental conservation group which focuses on wildlife conservation and habitat restoration. The members of *Srishti* contributed in lake cleaning and habitat restoration in collaboration with Environmentalist Foundation of India (E.F.I). The student members also pitched in for afforestation and animal care in the Delhi region.

Srishti ran an Anti-Cracker Campaign on 1st November, 2018 to raise awareness for safe Diwali. A street play titled "Diwali toh crackers free hi honi chahiye" was performed by the members of the society on the eve of Diwali to highlight the noise and air pollution created by crackers. The society also organised a photography competition on the theme of natural beauty as a part of this campaign

On January 30th, 2019 an excursion to Sultanpur national park was organised to generate understanding of ecological system amongst the students. Itparadise and a true delight

for avid bird watchers and revival point for various ecological systems, as lots of flora and fauna were found intact. The members were acquainted to the various ecological systems like wetlands, aquatic and grassland systems. Such trips play an important role in creating awareness among the students as well as help them understand and appreciate the role of various stakeholders in protecting our environment.

Yet another campaign "say no to plastic bags" was organised in collaboration with the Gandhi Study Circle to create awareness encourage about the hazardous effect of plastic on health and environment. In addition to it, society members had put up a stall of cloth bags to encouraged everyone to use cloth bags for everyday purpose. The special attraction were embroidered fancy cotton bags and specially designed vegetable shopping cotton bags. Members also discouraged people from using plucked and cut flowers and promoted use of small potted plants. Lots of college students and teachers from the college visited the stall.

Srishti held a quiz competition 'Quintessence,' in association with Quiz Society of the college, and online poster making competition on the topic "Rising Landfills and its Consequences on Environment."

An inter-college paper reading competition on "Consumerism and Sustainable Development" was held on February 7th, 2019. The society maintained a wall magazine on various environmental issues.

The student members maintained a wall magazine with latest themes related to environmental issues. The members also contributed articles poems, cartoons and travelogues on nature excursions in their annual magazine Srishti.