



Miranda House UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

Society Annual Report

Society Activities

Society: MH *Vatavaran*

Year: 2017-18

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	Name	Course	Year
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Part A.1

Events/Seminars/conferences/workshops/Extension Activities organized

MH *Vatavaran* began its activities for 2017-18 session by observing World Environment Day on 5 June 2017. The students who were present at DSKC Summer Internship (June –July 2017) Orientation took the pledge for *Swachh Bharat*. An online poster making competition was organized with the theme *Waste Management*. Two Chemistry students won the competition jointly.

The Freshers' Talent Search for MH *Vatavaran* was organized on 16 August 2017. This was in the form of a slide show/ PowerPoint presentation-making competition on an environment-related theme in which all I Year Society members participated. MH *Vatavaran* members undertook Anti-litter Drives on 11 and 13 September 2017 to clear the litter due to DUSU election posters and



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pamphlets lying around the campus. Groups of 30-40 volunteers and some faculty advisers participated on each day to clean the area surrounding Miranda House and Vishwavidyalaya Metro Station. The paper waste collected was sent to the Miranda House Paper Recycling Plant. MH *Vatavaran* student volunteers also participated in anti-litter drives organized by the *No-poster Party* on various days.

On 15 September 2017, MH *Vatavaran* invited the *Sukhmanch Theatre Group* to perform a street play *Paryavaran* highlighting various environmental issues. The play, performed by a team of 35 people in the café lawns, attracted a large and appreciative audience during the lunch break.

Students of Miranda House and SGTB Khalsa College jointly organized a peaceful march on 16 September 2017 to celebrate *International Ozone Day*. The intention was to create awareness about the Ozone Layer and its protection. 35 student volunteers of MH *Vatavaran* joined the students from Khalsa College for the walk which started at Khalsa College, passed Miranda House and terminated at the Vishwavidyalaya Metro Station.

A team from Miranda House consisting of 35 students and 2 faculty members attended the Inaugural Session of the *Global Wildlife Conference* on 2 October 2017. The conference was organized at Hotel Ashok jointly by Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India and UN Development Program.

An event on *Water Conservation* was organized by MH *Vatavaran* in collaboration with CMS *Vatavaran* on 13 October 2017 as a prelude to the *9th Centre for Media Studies (CMS) Vatavaran Environment Film Festival*. Two short documentaries, *The Battle Begins* and *Kosi – Injustice with Millions*, were screened in the College. An article-writing competition on the topic *Urban Water in India: Problems and Solutions* was also a part of the event. Winners of the competition were Nikita of B.El.Ed, Yachika of Physics (H) and Shambhavi of B.A. Programme.

MH *Vatavaran* carried out an *Eco-Friendly Diwali campaign* on 16 October 2017 along with Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA). A van with posters depicting harmful effects of crackers and suggestions for eco-friendly Diwali designed by PCRA visited Miranda House. A large group of volunteers interacted with PCRA officials about the idea of Green Diwali and pledged to celebrate and promote an eco-friendly Diwali. A stall for sale of MH Paper Plant and Compost Plant products was also put up at the ongoing college Diwali Mela.

Miranda House was invited by the Centre for Media Studies (CMS) to collaborate in the organization of the *9th CMS Vatavaran Environment Film Festival* being held from 2 to 6 November 2017 at Gandhi Smriti grounds, Rajghat. A team of twenty student volunteers from MH *Vatavaran* participated in decorating part of the venue for the Film Festival. Student volunteers from the Society also put up a stall of MH Paper Plant and Compost Plant products and posters depicting the sustainable development activities going on at Miranda House. Many schools, NGO's and environment enthusiasts visited the stall and appreciated the activities. Groups of 15-20 students also attended workshops, discussions and film screenings on various days of the Festival. The National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), New Delhi organized twelve *Swachh Bharat Mission Exposure Workshops* for officials from Urban Local Bodies (ULB) in different parts of India between May and October 2017. The participants of these workshops visited the Waste Management Facility at Miranda House as a model of efficient waste management by an institution. Teams of MH *Vatavaran* student volunteers and faculty advisers showed the officials around the Paper Recycling and Compost Plants during each of these visits. Interacting with municipal officials from different parts of India was a learning experience for the volunteers.



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Different groups of MH *Vatavaran* volunteers also participated in other workshops and seminars during the academic session 2017-18. These include

- *Workshop on Prohibition of open burning of any kind of material* at the Delhi Secretariat, 14 September 2017 organized by Department of Environment, Government of NCT of Delhi
- *Ozone Day Celebrations* at Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Alipur organized by Department of Environment, Government of NCT of Delhi
- *Pre-Challenge Work Lab – Need for sustainable lifestyle* organized by TERI University in association with Embassy of Sweden and Eco Club Initiative of Delhi government at TERI University on 1 December 2017
- *Workshop on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Goal no. 13 – Combating climate change* at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute at Alipur, Delhi, 15 December 2017 organized by Department of Environment, Government of NCT of Delhi.
- Programme on *National Science Day* at Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Alipur, Delhi organized by Department of Environment, Government of NCT of Delhi

A team of students and faculty from Lynchburg College, Virginia, USA were on an official visit to Miranda House on 5 January 2018. The US team, led by Ms. Kara Hoxworth, visited the college Recycling Unit and purchased a number of paper products to carry back with them. Following up on the Pre-Challenge Work Lab conducted by TERI University as mentioned above, a number of MH students registered for the *7 Days Challenge for Sustainable Development* held from 17-23 January 2018 and four students were shortlisted for the next round.

MH *Vatavaran* organised a walk to create awareness about petroleum and fuel conservation on 12 February 2018 in association with Hindustan Petroleum. The walk started from Narayana Service Station, Khyber Pass and terminated at Miranda House front gate. Around 50 students took a pledge to use petroleum products efficiently and to spread the message. Students interacted with passersby and persuaded them to take the pledge. Student volunteers also spoke to the drivers of cars which stopped at the red light near the college gate.

The two competitive events hosted by MH *Vatavaran* during Tempest 2018, the college Festival were *EnviroQuiz* and *Green Fun* on 21 and 22 February 2018 respectively. *EnviroQuiz*, an event for 2-member teams, had two rounds: a film-based quiz in which participants answered questions after carefully watching a 25-minute documentary *Race to Save the Amur Falcon* kindly provided by CMS *Vatavaran*. Subsequently, there was a Crossword Round where teams had to solve a crossword puzzle on the environment. The two rounds were additive. Fourteen two-member teams from different colleges participated. Both the first and second prizes went to MH. *Green Fun* was a novel event in which participants had to illustrate how fun could be eco-friendly through enactment, music or declamation. There was enthusiastic participation with teams singing, dancing and making speeches. Prizes again went to MH with Shivaji College earning a Certificate of Appreciation for their skit. In addition to the competitive events, recycled paper and compost were also put on sale as is customary in all college events.

An online poster-making competition on *The Benefits of Recycling* was held on the occasion of *Global Recycling Day* on 18 March 2018. On 5 April 2018, MH *Vatavaran* organized a talk on *Wastewater as a Resource out of Place* by Dr. Ranjana Ray Chaudhuri, Department of Regional Water Resources, TERI School of Advanced Studies.

The UN theme for 2018 was '*Beating Plastic Pollution*'. On 5 June 2018, the World Environment Day, the work done by MH *Vatavaran* and the entire Miranda House community was recognized



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in the form of an award. At the *National Environment Convention 2018* organized by the *Indian Institute of Ecology and Environment (IEEE)* and the *National Institute of Cleanliness Education and Research (NICER)*, Miranda House received the '*Plastic Free College of the Year*' award.

Part A.2

Awards and recognition received

At the *National Environment Convention 2018* organized by the *Indian Institute of Ecology and Environment (IEEE)* and the *National Institute of Cleanliness Education and Research (NICER)*, on World Environment Day 5 June 2018, Miranda House received the '*Plastic Free College of the Year*' award.



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Walk for Environment and Fuel Conservation

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT CONVENTION 2018
47th WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS

Jointly Organized by
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT, NEW DELHI
and
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CLEANLINESS EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (NICER)

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IS A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Governing Council of the International Association of Education for World Peace (IAEWOP), United Nations (UNESCO), IGC, IGC/IOC, IGC/WHO, Indian Institute of Ecology and Environment (IIEE) and National Institute of Cleanliness Education and Research (NICER) have pleasure in conferring

PLASTIC FREE COLLEGE OF THE YEAR AWARD

upon

Miranda House
University of Delhi
Principal : Dr. Pratibha Jolly
Faculty Members :
Dr. Janaki Subramanian, Department of Botany, Dr. Sakini Bahal, Department of Botany
Dr. Rakha Kuman, Department of Zoology, Dr. Jyoti Arora, Department of Zoology
Dr. Poojari Department of Chemistry
Students : Nakhla, Asha Pandey, Sakshi Mishra, Gagan, Ronhan

based on their outstanding contribution in the fields of ecological and environmental protection, cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation education.

Given at New Delhi on the auspicious occasion of the World Environment Day Celebrations and the National Environment Convention 2018 at India International Centre, New Delhi on 6-8 June 2018 in the presence of national and international dignitaries.

Dr. Charvi Bhatia, President, IIEE
Dr. Nandini Tripathi, Director, IIEE
Dr. Ujjwala Sharma, Director, NICER

GLOBAL WILDLIFE PROGRAM
PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

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तो क्यों लें हम पटाखों का सहाय

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जानवरों के
कचरे के

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