



Miranda House

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Society Annual Report

Society Activities

Society: MH *Vatavaran*

Year: 2018-19

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	Name	Course	Year
President	Asha Pandey	BSc (H) Chemistry	3
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Name	Department
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Dr Jyoti Arora	Zoology
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Dr Deepali	Botany
Dr Simran Jit	Zoology
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Events/Seminars/conferences/workshops/Extension Activities organized

A team of four students from MH *Vatavaran* participated in decoration at the stall put up by the NGO CMS *Vatavaran* at *Vigyan Bhawan*, New Delhi, during World Environment Day Awareness Drive from 1-5 June even before the current academic session started. The theme of the drive was 'Beat Plastic Pollution'.

The orientation of new Society members was held on 3 August 2018. It was attended by around 30-40 students from all the years. The students were briefed about the Society and its agenda. They were also introduced to paper plant and compost plant activities. The Freshers' Talent Search was



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held on 23 August 2018. The freshers participated in a short video-making competition on the theme *Beat Plastic Pollution* and were supposed to give ideas on how to reduce plastic usage in Miranda House. All the First Year society members participated in the competition. The First Prize went to Divya of Economics Honours, the Second Prize to Swati Nayak of Botany Honours and the Third Prize was again bagged by Economics Honours students Yashita Garg and Vanshika Tomar.

On 31 August 2018, Miranda House in association with Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD) North East chapter organized a Conclave on *Biodiversity for Everyone's Life*. MH *Vatavaran* volunteers participated in the Conclave and helped in organizational work. On this occasion, the Society also organized a Short Video Film/PowerPoint Presentation Making competition on the theme *Biodiversity in and around My Campus*. Rachna Yadav and Satakshi Sharma bagged the First Prize in the Video category with Sanjwala Mukund and Vandana coming second. The First and Second prizes in the PowerPoint category were won by Srijan Singh and Nikita Malik and Riya Saha and Mahima Kapoor respectively.

In keeping with its annual tradition, MH *Vatavaran*, in collaboration with NSS, organized an Anti-litter Drive on 11 September 2018 to clean up the paper waste lying scattered around the campus due to discarded Students' Union election posters. A group of about eighty five people, consisting of volunteers and faculty advisers, participated in cleaning the area surrounding Miranda House by picking up waste paper. The approximately 9 kg of paper waste collected was sent to the Miranda House Paper Recycling Plant.

MH *Vatavaran* in collaboration with NSS Miranda House organized an introductory seminar on *Eco friendly disposable bags* made by Smart Company on 24 September 2018. Smart Company officials introduced the Miranda students to their eco-friendly garbage bags and sanitary napkin disposal bags which can biodegrade within six months. These seemed to be a better option than harmful plastic bags. The sixty-strong audience consisted of both MH *Vatavaran* and NSS volunteers and advisers.

IBSD and MH *Vatavaran* collaboratively organized a talk on *Climate Change and Global Warming in the context of Assam* by Dr. Santana Saikia Naorem (Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Cotton University, Guwahati). Members attending the talk came to know about the beautiful culture and biodiversity of Assam. The speaker also referred to the changing nature of vegetation in Assam in recent times.

The *Fourth Delhi Youth Summit on Climate Change (DYSoC) 2018* was organized jointly by Delhi Greens and Miranda House and hosted by Miranda House on 3 and 4 October 2018. The Summit brought together the youth from across the NCR and engaged, inspired and trained them to address the various urban environmental challenges in the wake of climate change. Thirty selected candidates from MH *Vatavaran* along with other students participated and developed a youth charter for fighting the climate crisis and ensuring urban sustainability of India's National Capital Territory. The summit concluded on a note of optimism and determination to make a difference.

A Poetry Writing competition was organized by MH *Vatavaran* on the occasion of Diwali. The theme of the competition was '*Pollution: The World is Choking*'. The participants were supposed to write a poem in Hindi or English on the theme and submit online by 7 November 2018. Around 15-20 entries were received from MH *Vatavaran* volunteers and other students. A stall for the sale of MH paper plant and compost plant products was also put up at the NSS Diwali Mela. Mahima Arora (B.A. Programme) and Sanjwala Mukund (Philosophy Honours) got the first and second



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prizes respectively while Kaju Bhojak (Chemistry Honours) got an encouragement prize.

MH *Vatavaran* volunteers participated in conferences and seminars held in other institutes. These include:

- Two-day youth conference, *Delhi University Sustainability Forum* (DUSF), 11-12 October 2018;
- Two-day youth conference, DUSF organised by *Harithkram*, The Environment Society of Shaheed Bhagat Singh College. MH *Vatavaran* volunteers helped in organizational work;
- *Climate Jamboree* organised by TERI School of Advanced Studies and Dalmia Cement in June 2018 and November 2018 and Finale of the event held from 1-3 November 2018.
- Annual Fest Hindu Earth organized by *Panchtatva*, the Environment Society of Hindu College. Two teams from MH: Rashi Wadhwa-Anju and Sadaf Sana-Palak Awasthi participated in the quiz competition held at the Fest.

Dr. Shyamala Mani and 2-3 faculty members of TERI School of Advanced Studies along with group of 17 students visited Miranda House Recycling Plants on 20 November 2018. MH *Vatavaran* members interacted with them and enlightened them about the technology of solid waste management being followed in the college. The visitors were appreciative of the recycling efforts of MH which includes conversion of food waste and horticultural waste to compost, used paper recycling and making of recycled paper products.

MH *Vatavaran* organized two events during Tempest 2019. *EnviroQuiz* (a film-based quiz) was held on 14 February, Day 1 of Tempest. Around fifteen teams other colleges and the host college MH participated in the quiz competition, which was based on a short film *Chernobyl*. Winners of the competition were: Poornima-Yashi Yadav 1st prize; Karisma Agrawal-Garima Singh 2nd prize; Niharika-Pragati 3rd prize.

On Day 2 of Tempest, 15 February 2019, MH *Vatavaran* organized a *Walkathon* from the HP petrol pump at Khyber Pass to Miranda House to spread awareness about fuel saving. Three faculty advisers also participated in the Walkathon along with student volunteers. The MH volunteers and faculty members were requested by HP staff to inaugurate the newly constructed Women's Restroom at the petrol pump. There was a competition after the event in which participants shared their experience of the walkathon and gave suggestions to HP on how to spread the message about saving fuel in a more efficient way. The First, Second and Third prizes were awarded to Sheetal Jangra, Priyanka and Sulochna Meena respectively.

