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MH *Vatavaran*  
The Environment Society  
Miranda House

Annual Report 2023-24

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### Overview

Throughout the academic year 2023-24, MH *Vatavaran*, the environmental society of Miranda House, embarked on a remarkable journey of raising environmental awareness and instilling a sense of responsibility among students. The society conducted numerous events, competitions, workshops, and campaigns to promote environmental awareness and climate action, leaving an indelible mark on our campus. MH *Vatavaran* successfully participated in various **Swachh Bharat activities** throughout the year, such as **Swachhta hi Seva, Swachhta Pakhwada, and Swachhta Shramdaan**. Under the leadership of our Principal, Prof. Bijayalaxmi Nanda, students, and faculty participated in the “**Ek Tareek Ek Ghanta**” Swachhta hi Seva campaign on 1st October 2023. MH *Vatavaran* also organized several cleanliness drives within the campus and adopted villages of the college, including, the **Clean Your Campus Drive, in North Campus, University of Delhi**. Volunteers participated in the drive and removed all paper waste used during student election campaigning, which was then recycled at the Paper Recycling Plant of Miranda House. Plantation drives were regularly organized in collaboration with various organizations to create a bigger and more meaningful impact. These drives included partnerships with the Garden Committee of Miranda House, the Department of Chemistry, and the Mission for Life Campaign (Govt. of India), as well as a part of the World Environment Day celebrations.



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Under the aegis of IQAC  
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8-October-2022  
Sanjay Van, New Delhi

Cleanliness Drive  
Swachhta Pakhwada Special Campaign 3.0

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Awareness Sessions on Waste Management  
Swachhta Pakhwada Special Campaign 3.0

**"EK TAREEKH EK GHANTA"**

Swachhata Hi Seva: Cleanliness Drive by MH Volunteers at Sanjay Basti, Timarpur.  
MH Vatavaran and NSS volunteers of Miranda House, University of Delhi along with the teachers participated in the campaign Swachta Hi Seva on 1 October 2023 at Administrative block of Sanjay Basti, Timarpur for Shramdaan, to circulate the importance of a sampurna swachh village/garbage free. More than 60 volunteers worked hard to clean the area.

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**DU students sweep away election blues with clean-spirited initiative**

Family members joined hands with students to help clear the paper trash off the campus

#htcity@campus

**Kirti Kamini**  
We have to be sustainable...

After other colleges of the Delhi University Students' Union (DU) elections typically leave a trail of paper waste and plastic flyers strewn across the college of Delhi University. However, a group of passionate students, alongside their dedicated faculty, have chosen to see this as an opportunity to improve the campus environment. Starting today, these volunteers are launching a cleanliness drive to bring back the better on campus.

Kanupriya, the president of Miranda House's ecoclub, MH Vatavaran, remarks, "There has been a massive generation of paper waste on campus. Instead of lamenting it, we decided to take matters into our own hands and organized a cleaning drive the day after the election results were

announced, both inside and around the college."

Over 50 volunteers from the society, including their principal, Bipul Khosla, Nanda, participated in the effort, collecting paper waste from the area. But this was just the beginning of their eco-friendly journey.

She explains, "We took the collected waste to the recycling plant within our college, where it would be transformed into someone's utility. We'll be using these flyers to create paper bags."

and we aim to ensure it, but we are not alone in this endeavor." Kumar continues, "Our drive began today, and we will be joined by four NGOs based in Delhi to help upcycle the waste. Simply discarding the flyers into the dustbin is not a viable option due to the ecological impact of disposing of hundreds of tonnes of paper. Therefore, these NGOs will take the paper waste and upcycle it, turning it into paper mesh products and providing gainful employment to the underprivileged, achieving a double win for both the environment and the community."

Somil Kumar, a student at Jantar Mantar College and a member of the college's eco club, Bhuvan, employees, "The campus's litter is fading,

Simply discarding the flyers in the dustbin is not a viable option. Therefore, we will be working with NGOs to help upcycle the waste. SOMIL KUMAR, Student, Jantar Mantar College

MH *Vatavaran* received several accolades for its environmental activities during the academic year. The society successfully participated and completed the **Apex District ECO-SDG Championship 2023** and received an **outstanding performance grade of "S"** for North Campus in October 2023. Additionally, MH *Vatavaran* was acknowledged for its participation in **Global Roti Day** organized under the **Poshan Abhiyan Scheme, Govt. of India**. In continuing efforts to reduce the use of single-use plastics, MH *Vatavaran* signed an **MoU with Bisleri** under the **Bottles for Change CSR Initiative**. Faculty advisors of the society also attended various workshops and conferences related to climate change and sustainability, including **U75: Net Zero Regional Workshop for Universities/HEIs** organized by the **University of Delhi and Green Teri Foundation**, and the **Delhi Youth for Climate Summit** organized by NCT Delhi and EPIC India. As in previous years, MH *Vatavaran* continued its collaboration with WWF India on various





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environmental campaigns, including the **ECHO-2023 Challenge**, an exciting PAN-India volunteering program to ideate, design, develop, and implement conservation projects.





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## Monthly Activities

The academic session was officially inaugurated with an **Oath-Taking Ceremony held on June 2, 2024**. This event marked the beginning of a foundational commitment among new members. The ceremony was led by Prof. (Dr.) Chirashree Ghosh from the Department of Environmental Studies, University of Delhi.



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On June 5, 2024, volunteers from MH *Vatavaran* engaged in collaborative events with **WWF, India** and **IIT, Delhi** to commemorate **World Environment Day**. These joint activities were designed to enhance awareness of critical environmental issues. Subsequently, on June 27, 2024, MH *Vatavaran* hosted the **Tide Turners Plastic Challenge Orientation Session**. This event was dedicated to mobilizing efforts and strategies to combat plastic pollution

In July 2024, MH *Vatavaran* engaged in several impactful initiatives. On July 4, a **Plantation Drive** was conducted which aimed at enhancing campus greenery and highlighting the importance of afforestation. Following this, on July 11, the **Polythene Bag Biography Challenge** provided members with a creative platform to explore and address the environmental impacts of polythene bags. Later in the month, on July 28, MH *Vatavaran* conducted a **Cleanliness Drive**, reinforcing our commitment to maintaining a pristine environment. This event was complemented by a **Quiz on World Nature Conservation Day**, which aimed to broaden participants' understanding of

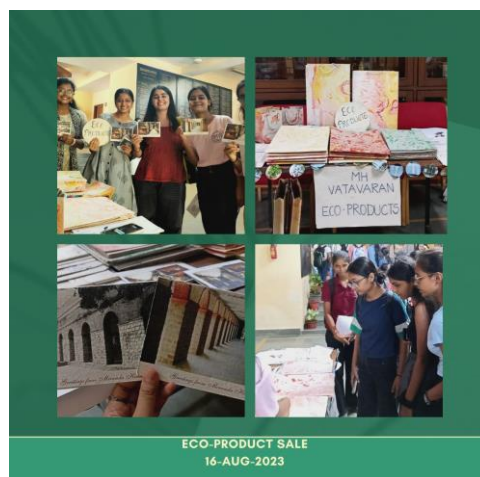
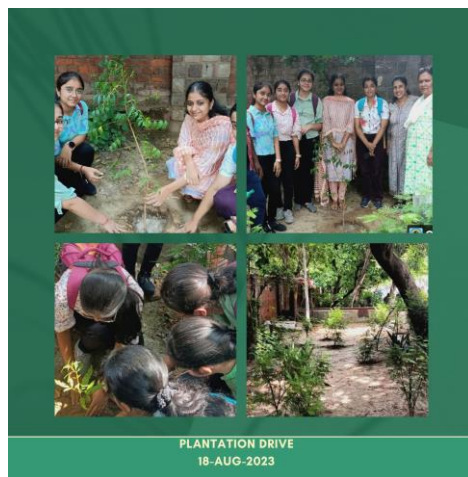




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conservation issues. Additionally, our active representation at the **G20 @ India: Making India Count event on July 30** demonstrated our dedication to global sustainability discussions.



The month of August saw a diverse range of activities. On August 5, the **Green Steps Challenge** encouraged members to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives. A **Photography Contest** held on August 9 provided a platform to celebrate and capture the beauty of nature. The **Eco-Product Sales Drive**, which took place on August 16 and again on August 23-24, promoted sustainable consumption by offering eco-friendly products. Furthermore, the **Eco-Color: Transforming Tomorrow** event on August 23 integrated art with sustainability, inspiring participants to envision a more sustainable future.

In September, MH *Vatavaran* highlighted **World Bamboo Day** on the 18th with a blog that underscored the role of bamboo in sustainable development. Additionally, another **Campus Cleanliness Drive** was conducted on September 15, further reinforcing our commitment to environmental cleanliness. Throughout the month, various blogs and events focused on



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environmental awareness, including a blog on World Rhino Day and continued efforts in campus cleanliness.



October 2024 was a month of notable activities for *MH Vatavaran*, beginning with the celebration of **World Animal Day** on October 4 with a blog post published to raise awareness about animal rights and biodiversity. The month also saw a significant community-focused initiatives- with the **Mega Cleanup Drive** held on October 8. This event extended beyond our campus and involved local community participation in environmental cleanup efforts. On October 10, the **Freshers Talent Search**, an event designed to welcome new members and showcase their talents was held. Following this, the **DIY Fashion Contest** on October 22 provided a platform for participants to creatively use recycled materials, highlighting the intersection of sustainability and style.



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In November, MH *Vatavaran* had the privilege of hosting the **Shri Jagdeep Dhankar, Vice President of India** on November 2nd. During his visit, the Vice President acknowledged the society's ongoing efforts and offered valuable insights into our initiatives. The following day, November 3rd, we engaged the community with a **Nukkad Natak**, a series of street performances designed to address and raise awareness about environmental issues. On November 7th, the **Bottles for Change Event** was held, focusing on the recycling of plastic bottles and promoting the principles of a circular economy. Later in the month, on November 22nd, we organized an **Air Pollution and Health Event**, which aimed to educate participants about the impacts of air pollution on health.





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In December, MH *Vatavaran* hosted a **Stall at the Alumnae Meet** on December 2nd, where we had the opportunity to showcase our work and initiatives to former *Mirandians*. On December 9th, a series of blogs were published, covering significant environmental topics such as World Soil Day and International Cheetah Day, which underscored the importance of these issues. On the same day, the **Green Guru Gathering Interviews** offered a platform for environmental experts to share their knowledge and experiences with our members.





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The academic session continued into January and February with various activities. On January 11th, we collaborated with **Viksit Bharat @ 2047**, and on January 30th, we organized a Poster Making Competition. February featured blogs on World Zebra Day and other crucial environmental topics. Additionally, a **WWF Advocacy Workshop** was held on February 21st-22nd, focusing on environmental advocacy and engaging youth in these efforts.

March concluded the session with a blog on **World Wildlife Day**, celebrated on March 18th, which focused on biodiversity and wildlife protection. We also conducted a Stationery Donation Drive in collaboration with the Prayan Foundation on March 11th-12th, aimed at supporting underprivileged students.



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In April, MH *Vatavaran* participated in the annual fest at Miranda House, "**Tempest'23**," by setting up an eco-stall. In continuing efforts to reduce the use of single-use plastics within the college campus, MH *Vatavaran* in collaboration with **Bisleri's Bottles for Change CSR Initiative**, worked towards creating a **Zero Waste event**. All types of used plastic waste – from plastic bottles and chips packets, were discarded in designated trash bins, collected and subsequently sent to Bisleri's recycling partners with the aim to ensure the proper recycling of these materials generated during the two-day event. The discarded plastic waste will be converted into flower pots, toys and plastic based garments. In addition, Bisleri displayed various recycled plastic products during two days of the college fest – highlighting the benefits of plastic recycling/upcycling. Volunteers of MH *Vatavaran*, faculty and students understood the importance of this noble cause of Plastic Waste Management, and participated with great enthusiasm. A series of environmentally focused events, starting with the "**Planet vs Plastic**" **Seminar**, where representatives from Greenpeace India discussed the severe environmental impacts of plastic pollution, including its effects on wildlife, human health, and the broader ecosystem, and advocated for a plastic-free future.





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Additionally, on April 25th, we held a **Vertical Gardening Workshop in collaboration** with **Bisleri and MH Vatika**. This workshop provided participants with practical experience in creating vertical gardens, promoting sustainable living practices with expert guidance on the benefits and techniques of vertical gardening. The month also included a Photography Contest, an Online Quiz, and a Paper Presentation Competition, all designed to engage the community and raise awareness on various environmental issues.

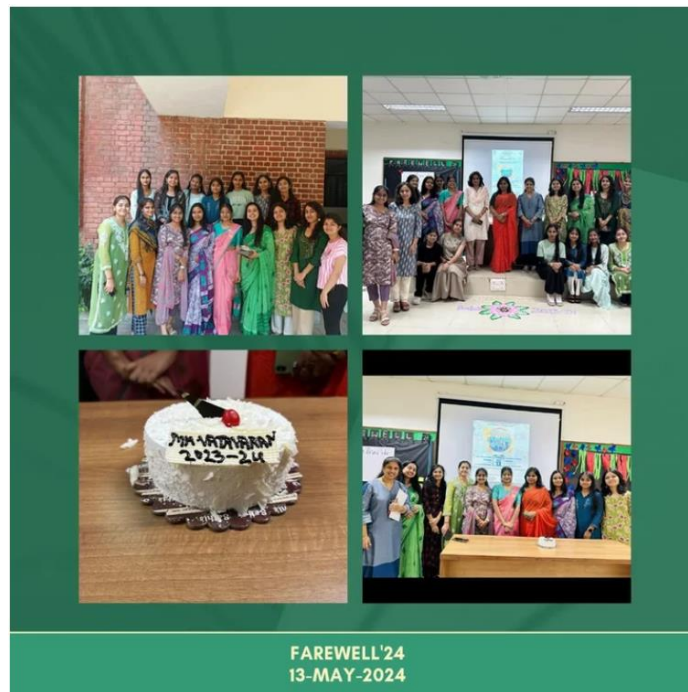


In **May**, MH *Vatavaran* organized a heartfelt **Farewell Gathering** on May 13th, celebrating the contributions of outgoing seniors with gratitude and warm wishes. On May 19th, during the hostel's alumni gathering, they set up an Eco-Products Stall featuring items made from recycled paper, promoting sustainability while fostering connections among alumni.



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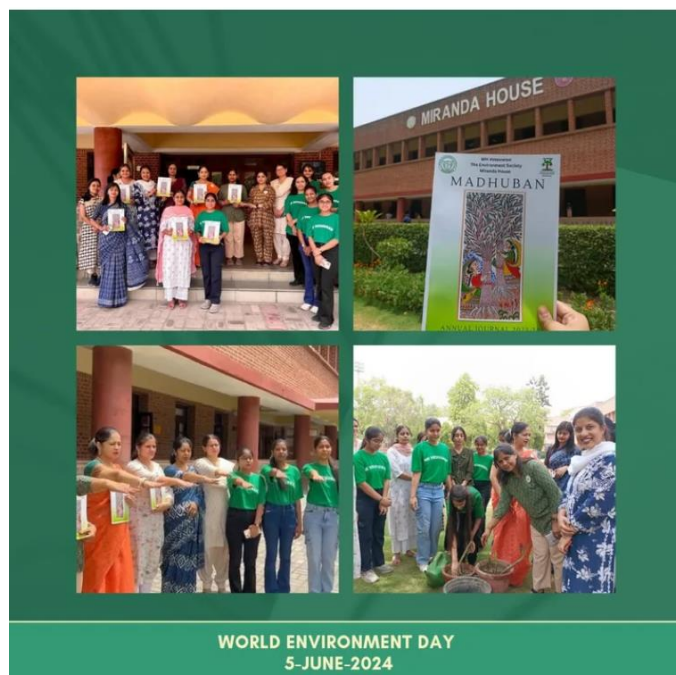
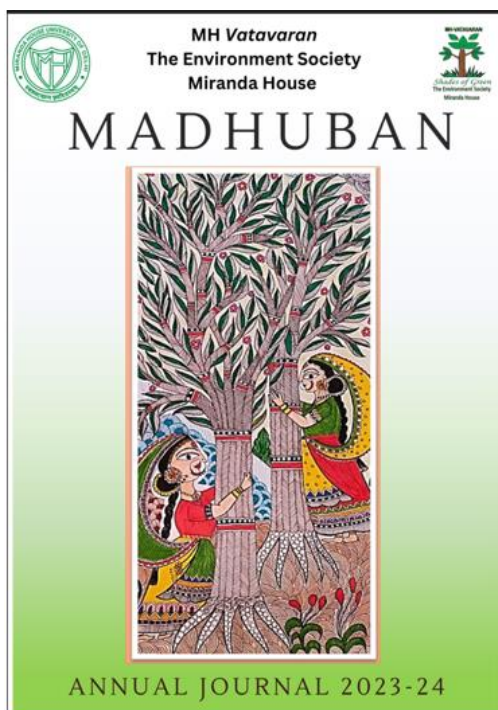






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The month of June saw the celebration of **World Environment Day on 5 June**. The day was marked with the launch of MH *Vatavaran's* Annual Magazine - *Madhuban*. In addition, a plantation drive and oath taking ceremony was conducted.



The 2023-24 session of MH *Vatavaran* has been a testament to our collective efforts and dedication to environmental conservation. We look forward to continuing our mission and building on the successes of this year in future endeavors.



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### MH VATAVARAN LIST OF EVENTS 2023-24

#### June 2023

S. NO.	EVENTS	DATE	TYPE
1	Oath Taking Ceremony -	02-06-2023	Event
2	World Environment Day-	05-06-2023	Event
3	IIT Delhi Event -	05-06-2023	Visit
4	WWF Visit-	05-06-2023	Visit
5	Tide Turners Plastic Challenge Orientation	27/06/2023	Event

#### July 2023

S. NO.	EVENTS	DATE	TYPE
1	Plantation Drive-	04-07-2023	Drive
2	Cleanliness Drive	28/07/2023	Drive
3	Polythene Bag Biography Challenge-	11-07-2023	Competition
4	Blog on World Population Day	11-07-2023	Blog
5	World Nature Conservation Day	28/07/2023	Quiz
6	G20 @India: Making India Count	30/07/2023	Event



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August 2023			
S. NO.	EVENTS	DATE	TYPE
1	Blog on Earth Overshoot Day	02-08-2023	Blog
2	Green Steps Challenge	05-08-2023	Competition
3	World Seabird Day	08-08-2023	Blog + Quiz
4	Cat Day Photography Contest	09-08-2023	Competition
5	World's Indigenous Peoples	09-08-2023	Blog
6	World Biofuel Day	10-08-2023	Blog
7	World Elephant Day	12-08-2023	Blog
8	MH Vatavaran Cooking Challenge!	16/08/2023	Competition
9	ECO-Product Sale	16/08/2023	Event
10	Plantation Drive	18/08/2023	Drive
11	Blog on World Honey Bee Day	22/08/2023	Blog
12	EcoColor: Transforming Tomorrow" event	23/08/2023	Event
13	Eco-Product Sale	23/08/2023 - 24/08/2023	Event
14	"Green Visionary Challenge."	20/03/2023 - 26/08/2023	Competition

September 2023			
S. NO.	EVENTS	DATE	TYPE



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1	SDG Eco Championship Poster Making	11-09-2023	Competition
2	Dolphin Day	14/09/2023	Blog
3	Campus Cleanliness Drive	15/09/2023	Drive
4	Ozone Day	16/09/2023	Blog
5	World Bamboo Day	18/09/2023	Blog
6	Echo Bootcamp	20/09/2023	Event
7	World Rhino Day	22/09/2023	Blog
8	Car Free Day	22/09/2023	Blog
9	Tamarind Day	26/09/2023	Blog
10	Diary Making Workshop	26/09/2023	Workshop

### October 2023

S. NO.	EVENTS	DATE	TYPE
1	World Animal Day	04-10-2023	Blog
2	Mega Cleanup Drive	08-10-2023	Drive
3	Fresher's Talent Search	10-10-2023	Competition
4	Green Guru Gathering	12-10-2023	Blog
5	Gaushala Visit	14/10/2023	Visit
6	Merch Distribution		





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7	Cleanliness Drive Near MH	17/10/2023	Drive
8	Lunch Break Awareness Activity	18/10/2023	Drive
9	DIY Fashion Contest	22/10/2023	Competition
10	Tech Park Tour	27/10/2023	Visit
11	Cleanliness Drive Outside MH	28/10/2023	Drive
12	Bookmark Making Workshop	28/10/2023	Workshop
13	Eco Souvenir Workshop	30/10/2023	Workshop

### November 2023

S. NO.	EVENTS	DATE	TYPE
1	Vice President Visit	02-11-2023	Event
2	Nukkad Natak	03-11-2023	Event
3	Bottles for Change	07-11-2023	Workshop
4	Rangotsav	12-11-2023	Competition
5	Green Guru Gathering	19/11/2023	Quiz
6	Climate Month	20/11/2023	Blog
7	World Fisheries Day	21/11/2023	Blog
8	Air Pollution and Health	22/11/2023	Event
9	Writing Competition	26/11/2023	Competition



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10	Eco Souvenir Workshop	30/11/2023	Workshop
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### December 2023

S. NO.	EVENTS	DATE	TYPE
1	Alumni Meet	02-12-2023	Event
2	International Cheetah Day	04-12-2023	Blog
3	Wildlife Conservation Day	04-12-2023	Blog
4	World Soil Day	05-12-2023	Blog
5	Green Guru Gathering	09-12-2023	Blog
6	International Mountain Day-	11-12-2023	Blog
7	International Monkey Day	14/12/2023	Blog

### January 2024

S. NO.	EVENTS	DATE	TYPE
1	Viksit Bharat @2047	11-01-2024	Event
2	Poster Making	30/01/2024	Competition

### February 2024

S. NO.	EVENTS	DATE	TYPE
1	World Zebra Day	03-02-2024	Blog



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2	Beyond The Burrows	05-02-2024	Blog
3	Balancing Preservation and Progress	09-02-2024	Blog
4	Green Guru Gathering	15/02/2024	Blog
5	World Bamboo Day	20/02/2024	Blog
6	Plastic Waste Collection Drive	27/02/2024	Drive
7	WWF Advocacy Workshop	21/02/2024 - 22/02/2024	Workshop

### March 2024

S. NO.	EVENTS	DATE	TYPE
1	World Hippopotamus Day	03-03-2024	Blog
2	Green Guru Gathering	08-03-2024	Blog
3	Stationary Donation Drive (Prayan Foundation)	11/03/2024 - 13/03/2024	Drive
4	World Wildlife Day	18/03/2024	Blog
5	International Polar Bear Day	22/03/2024	Blog
6	International Day of Action of Rivers	24/03/2024	Blog
7	Buzzards Day	30/03/2024	Blog

### April 2024

S NO.	Events	Date	Type
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1	Eco-Products Stall	5-6/04/2024	Event
2	Planet VS Plastic Seminar	22/04/2024	Event
3	Paper Presentation Competition	24/04/2024	Event
4	Vertical Gardening	25/04/2024	Event





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### List of Blogs Published during the Academic Session 2023-24

Title	Date
World Seabird Day	03-07-2023
World Population Day	11-07-2023
Earth Overshoot Day	2-08-2023
World Indigenous Day	9-08-2023
Elephant Day	12-08-2023
World Honeybee Day	22-08-2023
World Dolphin Day	14-09-2023
Ozone Day	16-09-2023
World Rhino Day	22-09-2023
WORLD CAR-FREE DAY	22-09-2023
TAMARIND DAY	22-09-2023



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WORLD FISHERIES DAY	21-11-2023
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION DAY	4-12-2023
INTERNATIONAL CHEETAH DAY	4-12-2023
WORLD SOIL DAY	5-12-2023
INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN DAY	11-12-2023
INTERNATIONAL MONKEY DAY	14-12-2023
WORLD ZEBRA DAY	31-01-2024
WORLD HIPPOPOTAMUS DAY	15-02-2024
INTERNATIONAL POLAR BEAR DAY	27-02-2024
WORLD WILDLIFE DAY	03-03-2024
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTIONS FOR RIVERS	14-03-2024
WORLD BUZZARDS DAY	15-03-2024
PAPER RECYCLING PLANT	20-03-2024



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BLOG ON COMPOSTING PLANT	22-03-2024
BLOG ON HERBAL GARDEN	31-03-2024
BLOG ON MH ECOSOUVENIR	02-04-2024

### Faculty Members Interviewed for GREEN GURU GATHERINGS (2023-24)

NAME	DEPARTMENT	DATE
Dr. Abhishank Mishra	Political Science	8 Oct 2023
Dr. Sujata Sengupta	Chemistry	19 Nov 2023
Dr. Pushpa Singh	Political Science	9 Dec 2023
Dr. Taruna Singh	Chemistry	15 Feb 2024
Dr. Sharfaa Hussain	Environment Studies	8 March 2024
Dr. Shailender Kumar	Environment Studies	10 April 2024



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