

Prakriti, 2018-19

'Prakriti', the Environment Society of LSR is a platform through which students enlighten themselves and others about the importance of environmental issues and sustainable development. Throughout the year we organize various competitions, workshops, seminars and talks on nature to explore the different ideas that students may embark upon. Thus, we seek to foster every individual's inherent love for nature and work to inspire their willingness to contribute towards the environment.

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Detailed (descriptive report)

1. Sapling Plantation: 20th July, 2018

The first day of every college student was marked with the sapling plantation ceremony. This is an integral part of welcoming ceremony because it sows the seeds of belongingness to the college and represents their own future journey.

2. Freshers' Competition: 26th July, 2018

Prakriti held a freshers' competition for the interpretation of the quote, "Green is the need of the hour" wherein students submitted some wonderful artwork, poetry and essays. The winners received a direct membership to Prakriti.

3. Fact of the Day: August, 2018-November, 2018

Fact of the Day initiative was taken in August wherein the union circulated facts about environment on daily basis amongst the student's body through social media like WhatsApp, Facebook and Instagram.

4. Pen Refill Project: 12th August, 2018

We had our first initiative of the year wherein we distributed pens with refills to the student body. This was expected to inculcate the habit of using pen refills among the student body. We strongly believe in the idea of plastic re-usage.

5. Waste Paper Collection Drive: August, 2018-November, 2018

We encouraged the Student Body to donate any kind of used paper, old newspapers, old books/notebooks or any other waste paper collected from their homes, hostels or PGs. We placed cardboard cartons all across the college campus and this collection of paper was sent for recycling and ultimately converted into notebooks which was be distributed to the children from NSS NGO's.

6. Logo Making Competition: 1st September, 2018

Prakriti held a surprise logo making competition for our members. We were thrilled to see their creativity and enthusiasm.

7. Tree Plantation Drive: 8th September, 2018

Prakriti hosted a tree plantation drive which turned out to be a remarkable success! The society along with the teachers and students planted some trees in and around the college campus contributing to the Delhi University's initiative of planting trees and shrubs as part of the drive. The campaign turned out to be as beautiful as the concept. There were some small plants which will soon grow to gigantic trees that were planted. These were Amaltas, Mulberry, Kachnar, Champa, Belpatra, Kadamba, Kigellia, Jacaranda, Kurajia and Siris.

8. Tree of the Month: September, 2018

Tree of the Month was shown using rolling boards in our college celebrating the uniqueness of trees. Trees like Royal Palm, Palash and Arjun Tree were celebrated.

9. Marker Refilling Drive: August-November, 2018

Refilling of whiteboard markers was started out in the month of August instead of purchasing them. This initiative was started with an objective to reduce plastic consumption through the regular use of new markers in our college.

10. Nature Walk: 12th September, 2018

An informative walk about the flora and fauna in our campus was conducted by Dr. Neha Sharma. Students along with the Faculty walked around the campus discussing about the history and nature of different trees and plants present in our college.

11. Prakriti Week: 14th September-20th September, 2018

14th September: Guest Lecture by Dr. Vijeta Rattani

The much awaited Prakriti Week commenced on Friday, September 14th with an eye-opening guest lecture delivered by Dr. Vijeta Rattani, head of CSE's climate change division on the topic 'Demystifying Climate Change'. Dr. Rattani told us how climate change is happening on a really fast pace and how unpredictable the climatic conditions might be in the future. She also told that India is among the top 5 countries which would be adversely affected by climate change owing to its geographical features like long coastline, under-developed economy etc. She also told us how important our contributions are in fighting climate change and what we as individuals can do to ensure sustainability.

17th September: Movie Screening

Day 2 of Prakriti Week was highlighted with a powerful short film by NatGeo titled 'Save the World'. The short film is a spoken word work by Artist Prince Ea and is directed by Spencer Sharp. It traces the impact that the homo sapiens have caused on this planet and the plunder it has caused to sustainable goals and their achievement. The short film was followed by a lively discussion moderated by Dr. Neha Sharma, Assistant Professor, Environment Science. The discussion focussed on topics ranging from Sustainable Development Goals and how we can at our individual levels reduce our impact on the planet. It was a very interactive and important session for us.

18th September 2018: Best out of Waste Competition

Best out of waste competition was held to provide a platform where students displayed their creativity skills in a novel and eco-friendly way, using waste products.

19th September: Inter-College Photography Competition

An inter college photography competition marked the fourth day of Prakriti Week. The theme was - Inter linkages in the ecosystem. Each team had to submit one picture with a suitable caption in 45 minutes. The participants had to go around the college campus clicking photographs. The environmental consciousness they possess was well noticed by the wonderful pictures captured by them.

20 September: Inter-College Environment Quiz

Day 5 of Prakriti week was a harbinger of acumen and wit as it was about responding to the predicaments of the environment. The questions revolved around environment related general knowledge. All participants were very curious and the enthusiasm was remarkable as there were 20 teams of environmentally conscious people who joined us. Prakriti Bazaar was also organised where 'New Era Overseas' was invited for the sale of eco-friendly stationery, organic food, bags, etc.

12. Prakriti Awareness Drive: 3rd October, 2018

Prakriti volunteers went around the campus asking students about eco-friendly solutions needed in college. It was a very enriching experience for all our Prakriti volunteers as well as the students body in general.

13. Guest Lecture by Mr. Nadeem Khan: 1st November, 2018

Prakriti organised a very informative session by Mr. Nadeem Khan from Dakshin Dilli Swacch Initiatives(DDSIL) on Waste Management and Segregation. The session was very engaging and encouraged the students to practice waste segregation, discuss the issues they face related to environment and how we as a community can resolve them work towards the common goal of protecting our environment.

14. Waste Segregation at Noor'18: 3rd November, 2018

Prakriti along with its volunteers executed the project of waste segregation at source during Diwali Mela, LSR in collaboration with DDSIL. The volunteers were told to make sure that students visiting the Mela throw dry and waste separately. The segregated waste was then sent to DDSIL and further processed.

15. Ecofriendly Moisturizer Making Workshop: 25th January, 2019

Prakriti volunteers made 100 bottles of eco-friendly moisturizers named 'Verdura' which were sold at Tarang'19. The moisturizers included ingredients like coconut oil, almond oil, glycerin, lemon juice, rosewater, aloe vera gel, etc. The idea behind making these moisturizers was to sensitize people to reduce plastic usage and make natural handmade chemical free moisturizers at home.

16. Tarang 2019:

Snakes and Ladders 2.0: 2nd February, 2019

Snakes and Ladders game with a twist was conducted by Prakriti at Tarang 2019. In this events, students were asked to play snakes and ladders on a big paper board and were given different tasks on their turn. The winners were given steel straws as gifts to spread the idea of usage of steel straws instead of plastic ones.

Moisturizer Stall: 1st-3rd February, 2019

Moisturizer stall was put up to sell moisturizers to spread the idea of making moisturizers at home and reducing plastic usage.

17. Nest Making Workshop: 12th February, 2019

Prakriti organized a nest making workshop in collaboration with Eco Roots Foundation on 12th February. The workshop was a fun activity combined with the noble cause of

generating awareness about sparrows and their dwindling population in cities. Eco Roots Foundation is a prestigious organisation working for our environment and has even received the International Green Apple Award for their 'Save the House Sparrow' Program. The nests made by our very own students were put up on the campus trees as well.

18. Paper Recycling Workshop: 15th February, 2019

Prakriti conducted a workshop on Paper Recycling in collaboration with Basta and NCC. It was a wonderful experience and Basta provided all instructions for the recycling process. Giving college students the opportunity to have a first hand knowledge of the procedure that is involved in the recycling of paper helped us bring alive what we have learnt in our textbooks!

19. Judges Walk, Annual Flower Show: 25th February, 2019

The college was visited by the Flower Show Committee for the Annual Flower Show 2019. All departments of our college came together to decorate the college campus to showcase interlinkages between environment and their discipline.

20. Flower Show Competition, DU: 1st March, 2019

Students made exhibits out of flowers and won several prizes at 61st Annual Flower Show. LSR had 14 winners out of 15 participating teams at the DU Flower Show, 2019. We bagged 4 first, 4 second and 4 third prizes and 2 highly commended prizes in the various categories.

21. Blank Page Collection Drive: March-April, 2019

Prakriti conducted a blank paper collection drive. Students donated leftover blank pages at the end of their old notebooks in cartons placed at different locations around the campus. We made notebooks out of them and distributed them among NGO children!

22. BBC Talk Show: 28th March, 2019

Prakriti, LSR had the opportunity to attend a talk by BBC on "Air Pollution and whether it should be an election issue" under the ambit of its project [#WorkLifeIndia](#). We had an amazing panel with a young activist engaged in the climate strike movement in India, a Centre For Science and Environment member and an entrepreneur working on producing masks and air purifiers. The talk was accompanied with several poll sessions and questions sessions. We had an enriching time getting to know what is in our hands and what can be done. At the end, the endeavour of the talk remained to make our politicians awake and necessarily put environment issues in their mandates and agendas as it very well affects us all! In a gist we have a very little time and much to do.

23. Ban on plastic straws and cutlery in Café, LSR: 3rd April, 2019

Prakriti as a collective removed plastic straws from selling in Café and replaced plastic cutlery with steel cutlery. Prakriti also has continuously been trying to change the plastic cutlery and paper bowls to patta plates and more eco-friendly cutlery.

24. Guest Lecture by Dr. Rahul Baishya: 4th April, 2019

Prakriti organised a guest lecture by the extremely knowledgeable and socially active scientist & professor, Dr. Ratul Bashar. He is a researcher, writer and speaker on environmental issues. He is on the chief panel of judges for the DU's annual flower show. The topic was Climate Change and Trends in Carbon Sequestration Research.

25. 'Ankur', Annual Journal of Prakriti

Ankur is the Annual Journal of Prakriti, LSR which includes literary and artistic contributions in the field of environment by students of LSR.

TROPHIES/PRIZES WON

Name of the competition	Organized by	TROPHY/PRIZE	Participant/s name
Annual Flower Show	University of Delhi	First Prize and Laxman Sarin Cup No. 2	Sanskriti Mishra Priyanshi Singhal
		Second Prize	Nitika Yadav Divisha Mohan Priyanshi Jain Prashansa Singh
		1st Prize & Flower Show Committee Cup	Varsha Shinde Sanjana Agrawal

		3rd Prize	Aditi Wadhwa Gargi Jha Kritika Satija
		3rd Prize	Mansi Jain Paridhi Gupta
		3rd Prize	Ritu Shah Pinnamshetty Sahiti
		3rd Prize	Anushka Bora Aditi Majumdar Priyadarshini Deori
		2nd Prize	Rangiseti Naga Pravalika Ravulapalli Rosemereena Aakanksha kumari
		Highly Commended	Neha Kain Jyotsana Swati Gupta
		1st Prize and the Laxman Sareen Cup No. 3	Mahima Makker Ria Bindlish Tanya Narang
		1st Prize and Golden Jubilee Year Cup	Devalapalli Rupasree

			Mohini Mohan
		2nd Prize	B R Ravika Singh Bhumika Noonwal
		Highly Commended	Bhaviratna Mohan Aanchal Lodhi
		2nd Prize	Hitasha Sharma Pinnamshetty Sahithi

List of speakers

S. No	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Vijeta Rattani	Head of CSE's Climate Change division
2.	Mr. Nadeem Khan	Head of Awareness wing at Dakshin Dilli Swachh Initiatives Limited
3.	Dr. Ratul Baishya	Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, University of Delhi

