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The Environmental Society Society Activity Report 2020-21

Live Session: Usage of Menstrual Cups

To throw light on taking a step towards an eco-friendly and sustainable future, the first event wasa live session on Instagram on the "Usage of Menstrual Cups, benefits and myths related to it" with TruCup Foundation.



Envision 2020

Soon after, starting on November 3rd 2020, the society held the second edition of EnviSion 2020which was an online event with teams participating globally, centered to raise and take action on environmental issues. It consisted of riveting case studies, dynamic debates and synergistic tasks. EnviSion 2.0 was a success with participation from various colleges in all the competition levels. Mission Green Globe was a new competition introduced this year. It was an intercollege case study competition and we were pleased to see all the innovative solutions presented by the teams.



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Orientation

On November 24th, 2020 the Society Orientation for the Batch of 2023 took place virtually this year where the present council welcomed the freshers to join them on the journey towards creating a greener planet.



Green Diwali

The Green Diwali Campaign started two weeks prior to Diwali. Activities undertaken as a part of the campaign included raising awareness about the importance of celebrating a Green Diwali through a series of Instagram posts, a CD Rangoli-



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Making Competition in collaboration with The Fine Arts Society to encourage people to up-cycle old CDs by making a rangoli design with them, a Diwali with Pets competition wherein people sent in photos of their pets.

<u>Prakriti</u>

The annual fest of the Environmental Society of St. Stephen's College was held from **18th to 20th February 2021**. The three days were packed with virtual environment-related talks, competitions and a chance to interact with various NGOs. The theme of the fest was **'Sustainability During the Pandemic'**. Activities undertaken as part of the fest included:

- 1. Sustainability Campaign
- 2. Case Study Competition (Sustainability War)
- 3. Envi- What The Duck? Instagram Quiz
- 4. Virtual NGO Stalls and Instagram Live

The guest speaker at the opening ceremony of Prakriti was Ms Licipriya Kangujam, a 9-year oldclimate activist and founder of The Child Movement whose inspiring talk helped the listeners understand with more clarity how human greed is destroying the planet as well as the steps we need to take towards caring for the environment.

On the second day of Prakriti, we hosted an interactive Instagram Live session with social entrepreneur, Ms Shweta Bahri whose platform, No More Waste, aims to build a community living a more sustainable life. Along with the fest, the society hosted a competition "Sustainability War" which saw more than 500 registrations.



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Menstrual Sustainability and Hygiene Campaign







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Under the Menstrual Sustainability and Hygiene Campaign, we had an illustration competition on 'Challenging the Stigma around Menstruation' in collaboration with The Fine Art Society and an Instagram Live session on 'Sustainable Menstrual Products' with Boondh Foundation, an enterprise with a social mission that works on Menstrual Literacy, policy, advocacy and sustainable products among other interesting events.

Earth Hour

On 27th March 2021, the Environmental Society in collaboration with the Music Society observed Earth Hour on the college campus from 8:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. The hour was filled with soulful performances by the Music Society and an informative quiz on the environment.

Webinar





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Our very last event for the year was on April 9th, 2021 where the society organized an interactive live session with **Ed Winters**, a vegan educator, public speaker and co-founder and co-director of Surge - Animal Rights Foundation on 'The Environmental Impacts of our Diets'. The session, held over Google Meet, was a very informative one and helped the attendees to understand how food choices affect the environment. Ed Winters happily addressed all queries raised by the listeners during the interactive QnA session in the end.

Other Initiatives during the year

The Environmental Society was regular in its activity on social media - from environment trivia to breaking down important information about the EIA in a simple language to tackling misinformation about Palm Oil, its social media handles have always been very active and engaging. In even semester, it was later turned into the "Environment Literacy Campaign" which primarily intended to spread awareness on the key issues.



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A podcast called 'To Tree or Not To Tree' was started on the Society Instagram page and was used to start conversations on topics that we might not have gotten the chance to focus on in an offline setting. It was started with an aim to highlight the issues in order to generate awareness among the college students in a light-hearted way.

On a more action-based front, an Upcycling Tutorial series was introduced which encourages people at home to upcycle old products to completely different useful ones. So far there have been tutorials on making masks from old T-shirts, a tote bag from a pillowcase, rangoli colours from natural ingredients and recycled paper.

Lastly, the official website of The Environmental Society went live on March 25 2021, where The Blog Team runs an active blog covering different topics such as Veganism, E-waste, Business and Environment etc.