World Environment Day 2023

<u>World Environment Day</u> is an occasion to promote awareness concerning Environmental issues and promote actions for Preservation and Conservation of Environment. Working in the same direction, Students Welfare planned events on World Environment Day to engage Students and Faculty Members in meaningful conversation revolving around Mother Earth.

Students Welfare took an initiative to ensure Students and Faculty Members pledge to consume only Raw Food for a day. The step was taken to disseminate information about the energy and resources that are used for manufacturing, processing and transportation of processed food. This initiative ensured a more conscious and mindful approach towards food consumption.

Students Welfare in collaboration with Clans under Manav Rachna Life Skills Programme also organised many activities for encouraging more Sustainable and Energy Efficient choices.

Clan Water Sharks in association with the Department of Civil Engineering organised Annual Plastic Collection Drive. The drive was conducted keeping in consideration SDG 06 and SDG12 which point towards Clean Water and Sanitation and Responsible Consumption and Production respectively. For participating in the drive, Students and Faculty cleaned and sorted the plastics and then dumped them at the designated Collection points. The drive proved to play a crucial role in mitigating plastic pollution, protecting ecosystems, promoting recycling, and fostering environmental awareness and community engagement in the long term. Initiatives like this contribute to a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable future. Huge single use plastic donations were made by Students and Faculty members and collected plastic was used for planting saplings of different varieties at MCG Nursery Sec 46 Gurgaon.

Clan Wild Cats in association with Udaan-An NGO conducted a Painting Workshop (Still Life) to engage Students and Faculty Members in creatively exploring and expressing Environmental themes through Art. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Mariyappa Martin, Pioneer from Udaan and Triveni Kala Sangam. During the activity, Students through their art communicated the need for action for a sustainable and more Environment Conscious World. All the participants got incredibly motivated and felt thankful for the knowledge they gained from the expert.

Clan Forest Rhinos in association with the Department of Physiotherapy initiated three Month Green India Campaign 3.0. As a part of the campaign, an online Debate Competition was organised addressing the Sustainable Goals, Sustainable Cities & Communities and Life on Land. The theme of the Debate Competition was Artificial Forests: A Sustainable Solution or an Ecological Compromise? The activity provided a platform to the students to discuss and critically analyze the concept of Artificial Forests. It engaged them in a constructive deliberation upon the pros and cons of the Artificial Forests. Each participant presented a variety of views and insights which were very informative. During the debate, Students highlighted insightful

statistics regarding deforestation, talked about monoculture and cultivation of multiple crops of highest benefits as a part of artificial forestation according to the soil health in the present times, impact of afforestation on oxygen and carbon dioxide levels, reduction of carbon footprints and normalizing the ecological cycle. Clan Air Falcons in association with the Department of Social and Political Sciences organised Energy Efficient World- "10 Minutes for a Sustainable Thought" in alignment with SDG: "Influence Responsible Consumption and Production". The activity aimed to raise awareness regarding Conservation of Energy and Climate Change. The activity symbolised Unity for collectively working towards a better future for all. During the activity, a call for switching off lights and other electrical appliances in the Campus premises was made from 12:20 pm - 12:30 pm. Different Departments from various Faculties participated in the initiative by switching off the power supplies for the specified duration.

Department of Civil Engineering, FET in association with "The Institution of Engineers (India)", Faridabad Local Centre organised a One-Day Seminar and Poster Making Competition themed: "Only One Earth-Beat Plastic Pollution". The main theme of the activity was to strengthen the mitigations towards plastic pollution that India and most developing & underdeveloped countries have been facing locally as well as globally. During the Seminar, discussions on the need to take actions on individual levels were done and affirmations on advanced technology being able to mitigate the cause were made. The Seminar encouraged the significant use of technology for combating Environmental issues.

Radio Manav Rachna raised awareness on the occasion of World Environment Day to protect and preserve the Environment for future generations and urged everyone to make more Sustainable choices.







