

Haritima: The Eco Club of Hansraj College

The Environmental Society of Hansraj College is named **Haritima** which means greenery. Set up in 2006 with a mission to create awareness among students and public about various environmental issues, Haritima has set its mark by organising a range of events since its inception in 2006. To name a few of them: Panel discussions on various environmental issues, PowerPoint presentation on ozone and water depletion, the annual flagship events: Cyclothon, Prakriti Kumbha - the annual fest of Haritima and the regular cleanliness drives.

Carrying on with this proud legacy the society last year completed 12 years of its journey. Twelve years earlier when this society was not formed, the college campus was in complete mess thus making this the guiding reason to form this society. With the inception of Haritima proper waste segregation and disposal began to take place on the campus. Haritima installed dustbins at convenient distances thus ensuring cleanliness on campus and a hygienic environment. Electricity wastage was another big problem of the college before Haritima came to existence helped in spreading awareness among students to save electricity

Key activities:

- Ozone day is celebrated splendidly on the campus of Hansraj, inviting environmental enthusiasts as Chief Guest. Various competitions are conducted like poster making, slogan writing, etc. All these competitions are an open event in which anyone can participate. These competitions help in understanding the psyche of different students related to important environmental issues.
- The cyclothon is one of the trademark annual events of Hansraj College. The students of Hansraj go on a bicycle ride across University Campus chanting slogans to encourage people to use bicycles rather than motor vehicles.
- Hansraj College organizes Hans-Chetna in coordination with some government schools. Under this, workshops are conducted related to food wastage, sanitation, importance of preserving forest and wildlife etc, to make school children aware of their surroundings.
- A cleanliness drive was organized by Hansraj College near Yamuna Khadar area. Earlier the cleanliness drives were conducted at college level however from last year onward this was taken to a greater level.



Other Observations:

However, with the coming semester system and an increased focus on theoretical lectures the curricular activities in Hansraj College have decreased thus adversely affecting the working of its Eco-Club. For this reason, their annual fest was last conducted two years back. Also, the involvement of student volunteers has also decreased for the same reason.

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