ECOWATCH CLUB REPORT 2020-21

The EcoWatch Club started its activities by electing the President for the year 2020-21. Miss. Sarah Mirza was elected as the President and Miss. Surekha was elected as the vice president of the Club for the year.

Inter collegiate online Quiz was organized on 28th July 2020 on account of World Nature Conservation day. Nearly 466 students from different colleges participated in the event. This event promoted learning about nature among the students and helped them to assess themselves.

The faculty of the Eco Watch Club Participated in an Online course on "Sustainability commitment in Educational Campuses" conducted by the Centre for Science and Environment, India on 16th and 17th July 2020. The Resource Person was Mr. Ranjeesh Sareen, Programme Director, Sustainable Buildings and Habitat Programme, Centre for science and environment. The speaker discussed about all the five important aspects of Criteria 7 of NAAC accreditation, Land, Energy, Water, Waste and Air.

A webinar was organised on the topic "Know your Bangalore Environment" on 24th September 2020. The speaker was Dr. T.V. Ramachandra from the Centre for sustainable Technologies, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. He briefed about the current water status and poor waste water management by BWSSB and also about the Rain water harvesting Technology to reuse and recycle water. Nearly 120 students from Indian Institute of science and Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College participated in the webinar and learnt about the need for reusing water to solve water crisis in Bangalore.

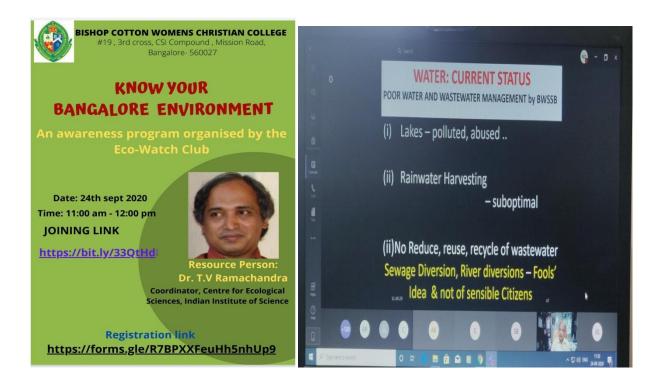
The faculty members of Eco Watch club also participated in a five day training program on "Training on Data collection, assessment and planning for Green Campuses" conducted by the Centre for Science and Environment, India from 14-12-2020 to 18-12-2020. Resource Persons were Mr. Sugeet grover, Sustainable Buildings and Habitat Programme, Centre for science and environment and Mr. Mitaishi Singh, Programme officer, Sustainable Buildings and Habitat programme. This training programme included a detailed presentation of the campuses of all the member colleges. A lot of discussions and work sheets about the energy calculations in the campus, water conservation methods, green area statistics of the campus and Google mapping methodology were taught by the experts. This helped in understanding more about the NAAC criteria.

On the eve of World Environment Day 2021, the Eco watch club organised a Panel discussion on the theme "Ecosystem Restoration-Impact of Corona Virus pandemic on the Environment". The panel was led by the Moderator, Ms. Nancy Deborah, Asst. Professor, Department of Botany. Around 13 panellists from BA, B. Sc, B.Com and BCA actively participated. The discussions were based on lot of Research related to the impact of Covid 19 pandemic on the Environment. The panellists presented statistical data about the present crisis of Environment related to Pandemic with respect to carbon emissions, waste, habitat, energy, wildlife and Ecosystem Restoration. The panel discussion opened with Surekha and Srustitha Williams where they highlighted about the reduction of carbon emissions due to the lockdown in various cities. Sarah Mirza, Tulsi Agarwal and Deepika seervi continued the discussion showing substantial evidences of ecosystem restoration during this period. Mifzala Erum and Muskaan highlighted aspects of energy conservation while Amruthi prajapathi and Jinal Khandelwal spoke about importance of Wild life conservation. The discussion concluded with Tasleem and Isobel speaking about ways to attain sustainable development. This discussion provided a platform for the students to spread Environmental awareness and also discuss strategies to improve restoration of ecosystems. It was an opportunity to be bold in addressing environmental issues. The panel discussion concluded with a note on improving Bangalore environment by the Judge Mr. Anand Tirtha who is an Environmental activist. Students took an oath to protect the Environment followed by the vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. Esther Watson, Head, Department of Botany.

Convenor,

Dr. Susanna P

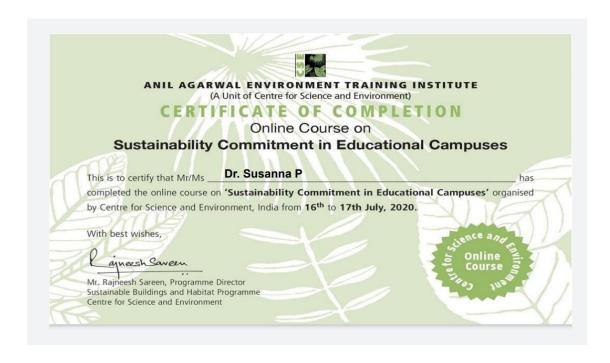
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