

NATURE CLUB REPORT 2014-2015

The Nature Club of St. Joseph's College is actively involved in spreading awareness among fellow students and society in general on various environmental issues. Various activities were carried out in the session 2014-15.

Hareet Wall Magazine: Four issues of Hareet Wall Magazine were published in 2014. Members of the club documented the Campus Flora. The findings were then published in Hareet. Five students from the 2nd Yr. Botany Honours took up the inventorization of the tree flora of the campus. A total of 42 species of tree were recorded from the College premise. Another five students from 2nd Yr. Botany Honour were involved in documenting the ferns. They recorded 32 species from the campus. Celebrating Bamboo day on the 17th September, an article on Bamboos was published by the first year Geography honours students to generate awareness. Five students from 3rd Yr. Botany Honours took up the study of sacred grove of Makahal Dara highlighting its important role in the conservation of flora and fauna.

Nature Scramble: To make the environmental awareness more meaningful and participatory among students and teachers, the member for the first-time started Nature Scramble, where jumbled words were solved to get a meaningful word that had local environmental significance. A total of seven issues were published in 2014. The response from the students was very encouraging. Publication of names of correct entries made it interesting.

Plantation Program: As usual, plantation of *Rhododendron* and other saplings of was done to celebrate the World Environmental Day. Only the members of Ist year Botany took part in the plantation program. Adoption of plants/sapling by the members from 1st year was done. Reasons for involving only the 1st year student member was that they would take care of the plants for atleast 3 years of their stay in the College.

Tiger Hill Clean Drive: The Club organized a Clean Drive along Tiger Hill route on the 18th Oct 2014. Forty eight student volunteers and 8 teaching members from the College took part in the Cleaning. Even students who were not a member participated in the clean drive. Cleaning was done along 5 km stretch from Jorebanglow – Tiger Hill route which was littered with various types of waste (plastic and glass), snack packet, cartoons and wrappers. Volunteers collected 62 bags full of waste material weighing approximately 200 kgs. The golf course area, Tiger Hill observatory and the Temple area were the most affected. From these two areas alone 42 bags (150 kgs) of solid and plastic wastes were removed. Message plates were fixed along the route at most prominent places to spread the message for keeping this tourist spot clean and free from litters. The Clean Drive concluded with the disposal of the collected waste in the dumping area near Jorebanglow. The Nature Club decided to carry out the clean Tiger Hill campaign on a regular basis for future also.



Plantation on Environment Day 2014



Tiger Hill Clean Drive 18th October 2014