

Nature Club

Annual Report – 2023-24

The Nature club has remained dedicated to its mission of environmental conservation throughout the 2023-24 academic session. During this period, several initiatives and activities were successfully implemented.

Formation of teams: to ensure smooth functioning and effective co-ordination, four teams were established during the General Meeting held on 26th September 2023. These teams are **Hydrangea, Rhododendron, Helianthus, and Dianthus**. Each team was headed by a team leader and Co-team leader. Membership drive was launched, with registration available through both online and offline mode. As a result, 50 new members from various departments joined the club, making a total membership to 150.

Activities carried out

1. **Student Seminar on “Water crisis in Darjeeling” on August 19, 2023.** The club hosted a seminar focused on the pressing issue of water crisis in Darjeeling and the need to conserve catchment area. The objective was to raise awareness about the importance of preserving the region’s water catchment areas and the adverse effects of resource exploitation. Environmentalists, academicians and independent researchers delivered insightful lectures on this critical issue that has long plagued the hill town. The seminar witnessed the participation of over 300 students from St. Joseph’s College, Darjeeling Govt. college, Southfield College, various schools, and Civil societies
2. **Campus cleaning drive (October 2, 2023).** In collaboration with the Students’ Council, the club participated in the Campus cleaning drive in celebration of Gandhi Jyanti. Twenty student volunteers actively cleaned several zones both inside and outside the Campus.
3. **Tree labeling initiatives (November 23, 2023).** Club members engaged in labeling trees around the campus, installing new name plates, with details such as scientific names, local names, and family. They also replaced old nameplates, where ever necessary. A total of 42 woody plants were labeled during the activity.
4. **Nature Walk to Tiger Hill (March 23, 2024).** A “Nature Walk” to Tiger Hill was organized to encourage members to connect with nature and appreciate the beauty of the landscape. The walk provided a peaceful and enriching experience for all the participants.
5. **Participation in College fest “Vibes Da Vista” (April, 12 and 13, 2024).** During the college’s mega fest – ‘Vibes Da Vista’ the nature club actively participated by setting up fun-game stalls, including ‘hit the can’, a ‘dart game’, and guess the number. These activities drew significant participation and added to the fest’s vibrant atmosphere.

Leadership Transition: On May 15, 2024 interview, conducted to select new board members who will lead the club in the upcoming academic year. A felicitation and handing over ceremony was held on May 18, 2024, where outgoing board members were recognized for their contributions. Each was presented with memento and certificate by the teacher coordinator. Finally, the new board members were entrusted with the responsibility of leading the club forward.



Outgoing Board members



New Board members



Seminar on Water Crisis in Darjeeling organized by the Club



Members in game stall in 'Vibes Da Vista'



Campus clean-up on 2nd October 2023



Members participating in the 'Nature Walk' to Tiger Hill



Tree labeling in the Campus by club members