

ENVIRO CLUB

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The theme for this year was “Green Day. Everyday.”. The unveiling of the new logo set the tone for the exciting year ahead.

With environment gaining its importance, Enviro Club saw more than 500 students enrolling themselves with the club for the first time, to contribute in their own way to raise voice for everything that surrounds them.

LOYOLA GREEN DUST-BINS PROJECT

An innovative idea of the Enviro Club to paint the dust-bins an eye-catching green to make them aesthetically pleasing and to encourage the use of dust-bins.

GLOBAL WARMING - A GLOBAL THREAT

The first of many sessions on an environmental issue (Global Warming), Mr. MB Nirmal, Founder of Exnora International) gave a thought provoking talk on the issue.

Movies are a fun way to learn. This was precisely the aim of screening some of the award winning documentaries every month. Some of the documentaries were An Inconvenient Truth, Story of the Stuff, Blue planet, the secret of life.

ENERGY CONSERVATION VERSUS ENERGY CRISIS

An informative session on one of the hot topic of the day - Energy conservation: A Crisis. It was an interactive session with the Department of Energy, Government of Tamil Nadu. Another innovative drive initiated by our club to protect the gigantic leafy sentinels of our beautiful green campus. Volunteers went around the campus to remove the nails from trees and ensured that no one nailed them again.

PEDESTRIAN AUDIT

With the aim to find out what pedestrians face on road, an audit of pavements, footpaths, zebra crossing and pedestrians facilities in Choolaimedu area and other surrounding areas was made. The audit was to remind the government of Tamil Nadu on how badly the pavements were maintained and to pressure government to take action.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

One of the best talks of the year by Mr. Nity, a eminent environmentalist, journalist and a powerful orator. Some of the burning questions were raised on environmental justice and role of common man.

WALKATHON 2008

We undertook a walkathon from Labour statue, Marina beach to Pattinambakkam foreshore estate. Hundreds of working people together with Enviro volunteers demanded for a more convenient public transport and improved pedestrians’ facilities. Working Class Unite joined hands with us in this endeavor.

88888 LIGHTS OFF CAMPAIGN

At 8 pm on 8th August, the lights were switched off for 8 min in most of Chennai to spread the message of global warming and to show that united, we can fight against this crisis.

BHOGI DAY AWARENESS PROJECT

To prevent further pollution due to certain aspects of our culture, our Club decided to educate people of Nungambakkam and Choolaimedu on ill effects of burning plastic, tyres and other polluting substances on Bhogi.

PEACE WALK

To show that Enviro Club cares not only about Environment but also for World Peace, Enviro Club joined hands with college to fight against genocide. A walk from War Memorial to Mahatma Gandhi Statue to speak up before the genocide is complete. It was an effort to lend our voices to those innocent voiceless victims of brutalities by the Sri Lankan Army which our media never reported.

INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN UP 2008

An annual coastal clean up day jointly organized by Coastal Guards of India, and organizations like UNEPSACEP, NIOT and Tree foundation saw good participation from Enviro Club. An interesting venture to promote awareness among the students about the conservation of marine Bio diversity and the importance of keeping the beach clean.

ONE DAY CAMP TO PULIKAT LAKE

A experience cum learning venture to Pulikat Lake where students got to interact with schools students through way of competitions. Rallies, street plays on village roads catching eyes of by passers, boating and one time experience of having lunch on an isolated island were some of the relished moments.

ZERO WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Enviro Club has initiated talks with the college administration to bring up a Zero Waste Management project to declare our campus waste free. The college biodegradable waste will be converted into bio gas which can be used for the hostel mess and manure for plants. The non bio degradable waste will be recycled.

TOXIC TOURS

A tour which highlights a different view of Chennai, We checked out some of the pollution hot spots of Chennai including the garbage dump of Chennai.

OXYGEN 2009

Hailed as one of the biggest events of the year in the city relating to environment by Big 92.7 FM, Oxygen 2009, co-organized with the Entrepreneurship Development Cell was a grand success, with city wide participation in all the events. We included events that would interest all the departments in the college by organizing department specific talks called Oxygen Tailor-Made. Green Peace Conducted a workshop for students of our college and taught them simple things that can make a big difference in the Environment. The four day mega event ended on an exciting note with Oxygen Compete, a series of inter-college competitions held over a period of 2 days. Vivekananda College won the overall trophy in Oxygen Compete.

TURTLE WALK

An annual event conducted by Enviro Club along with different organizations to protect turtles in and around Chennai. A nightlong walk along the beaches of Chennai is made to ensure the safety of Olive Ridley turtles that come ashore during the winter months to lay eggs.