

## **Report 2012-13**

### **Faculty Convener: Dr. Sarita Ghai**

Green Beans represents the environment club of our college buzzing with myriad activities ranging from creating awareness about our surroundings, maintaining cleanliness and increasing our greenery. The year began with our 'Fest' – a festival to celebrate the dynamism of earth, with a theme revolving around 'Prakriti – Nurturing the Earth'. Our fest was inaugurated by our principal Dr. Minoti Chatterjee and Dr. Alok Adholeya, Director of Biotech and Bioresources at The Energy Research Institute (TERI) who was also our Key-note speaker. He spoke on waste management. Our second speaker Dr. V.A.V Raman from Shaheed Bhagat Singh College spoke on Land and Water Degradation and steps to arrest it.

We had our orientation on 31st July, 2012 in which Dr. Malini Rajendran was our Key-note speaker and she spoke on Waste Management Issues in Delhi . This was followed by a ten week Add-on Certificate Course on Environment spanning a period from 17th August, 2012 to 26th October, 2012. This course was sponsored by Government of NCT of Delhi. Dr. B.C Sabata, Senior Scientific Officer, Department of Environment, Government of NCT of Delhi was instrumental in supporting us financially and logistically. The course was coordinated by Dr. Malini Rajendran and also consisted of the Convenor of the Green Beans Society Dr. Sarita Ghai and her team comprising of Dr. Ritu Sharma, Dr. Urna Dutta, Mr. Chetan Chauhan, Dr. Akhilendra Tiwari and Dr. Meeta Ratawa. The course was attended by 56 students out of which there was a small group from Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (Morning).

The course speakers were from diverse fields of environment ranging from ecological scientists to resource managers, specialists on energy including lawyers. The speaker also comprised of a DIG from the Coast Guards who spoke on marine pollution and oil spills. Finally, there were presentations from students on various environmental issues and concerns and on this basis, they were awarded the course completion certificates. This course was followed by a visit to Sultanpur National Park where the students had a first-hand experience of watching the migratory birds in their natural habitat.

This course was a major eye-opener for all of us since it increased our awareness towards various environmental concerns affecting our planet earth and it will surely help in making our students better students of this globalizing planet.