

Report 2013-14

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The year 2013 began with an Eco-trip to Nainital in March led by the Convenor Dr. Sarita Ghai, Dr. Chetan Chauhan and a group of 40 students. The students trekked to the highest peak of Nainital, Cheena Peak and observed the mountain's ecosystem. The students also studied the Naini Lake vis-à-vis pollution as a result of the growing Tourism industry. This was followed by the Annual fest of Green Beans on the Earth Day 22nd April 2013. On this occasion a movie *Terra* was showcased. In July, Aishwarya Shekhar (President), Disha Diwedi (Vice President), Sramana Mukherjee (Treasurer) and Akansha Yadav (Spokesperson) took over as the office bearers. A dramatic rise in the membership of the society was seen with more than 150 students from various departments like Psychology, Economics, Geography, Sociology and Commerce joining us.

A number of in-house sessions were organized including best-out-of-waste, poster-making and card-making competitions. In September, an interactive session was organized with Green Peace, an International environmental organization which even offered internships to our students. This was followed by an inter-college poster making and logo-making competition - *Green Art* in the mid-semester break in October which saw participation from a number of reputed colleges of Delhi University. Green Beans also had *Plant a Tree* programme during the October break and this was done in collaboration with an organization *Leaders For Tomorrow*.

Before Diwali, *Green Beans* organized an Anti-Cracker Campaign creating awareness with a catchy slogan 'Crackers are of no use, they are just Environmental Abuse', through banners, posters and vociferous slogans. The feather in the hat was when *Green Beans* organized a one of its kind online series of competitions under Greenathon: photography, story-writing, poetry and essay-writing. It saw an overwhelming participation from colleges and educational institutions across India.