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Eco club activities 2020-21

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Eco Club Green Diwali Competition

Diwali is the festival of lights that brings good luck and prosperity to all. But we are moving away from the real spirit of the Fiesta of lights. This festival is steadily becoming one of the major problems for the environment. It is high time that we should recognize the problem and should build a roadway by which we can make a healthy and balanced environment.

After successful initiatives such as water free Holi and eco-friendly Ganesh Chaturthi majority is going for green Diwali. This green Diwali is a way to celebrate the festival with minimal consequences to the environment. Because of COVID-19 virus in 2020, this Diwali is more about survival. It is about being grateful that we are still able to breathe and be alive for this day. So eco club of St Joseph's degree college Kurnool has conducted Green Diwali competitions in online mode this year to invoke students to celebrate eco-friendly Diwali from 12.11.2020 to 16.11. 2020. As using of crackers this Diwali may help to spread the virus by generating aerosols in environment and the smoke from crackers will take a toll on the lungs causing harm to even recovered COVID-19 patients, Celebrating Diwali in an eco-friendly way is the need of the hour.

So eco club planned for a safer green Diwali competition in online mode during the pandemic and students enthusiastically participated and showcased their creativity in Diya making. This competition was held under two categories of events

1) Making Eco friendly DIYAS

2) Two minutes talk on importance of eco-friendly festival both in online mode to explore the student's imagination and creativity.

Every student who participated received an E-Certificate.

DIYA MAKING PRIZE WINNERS:

1) M. Vaishnavi IIMPCS-B GIRLS

2) B. Supriya IIIBBC – G

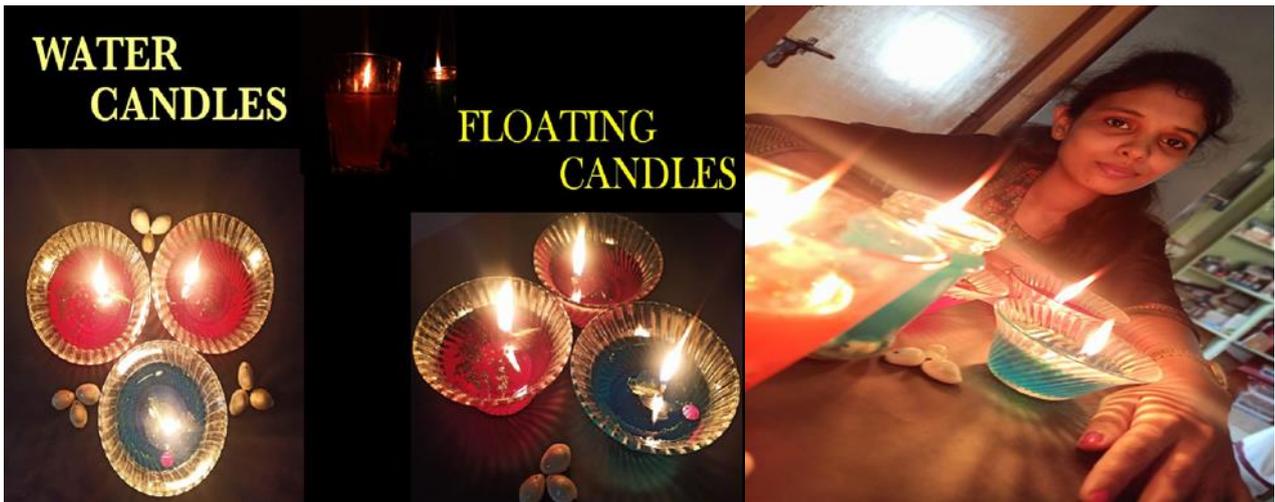
TWO MINUTES TALK COMPETITION:

1. S. Gayathri III B. Com – A

2. M. Krishna sree III MPC

Outcomes: -

- Green Diwali competitions developed a sense of responsibility in students towards saving environment.
- Students celebrated Diwali in an innovative way during this pandemic by making eco-friendly Diya and participating in online elocution competition.
- Diya making explored their artistic abilities.



PLNTATION PROGRAMME ON WETLANDS DAY

World Wetlands Day is an environmentally related celebration to raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and our planet. It is observed every year on February- 2 to mark the date of the adoption of the convention on wetlands on **2nd February 1971** in the Iranian city of Ramsar.

All countries in the world are trying to their best to protect their wetlands because marshes and swamps may not be homes to people but are the homes to a lot of different animals. Any region that is temporarily or permanently flooded with water is a wetland on a low area where the land is saturated with water is a wetland.

Countries organize a variety of events to raise awareness such as lectures, nature walks, contests on wetlands. community cleanups, plantations, seminars etc.,

The Theme for celebrating wetlands day in 2021 is ‘**Wetlands and Water**’.

So Eco-club of St. Joseph’s Degree College on 3rd Feb 2021. Organized a Tree plantation program. In connection with world wet lands day in Athena School Campus Kurnool. To spread awareness About the various ways the wetlands benefit us. Students of Eco-club participated in Tree –plantation with lot of enthusiasm as it is one of the best activities for making planet greenness, livelier and healthier and also it expands the biodiversity of a specific region.

A total of 40 small trees were planted in premises of Athena School.

OUTCOMES OF PROGRAMME:

- ❖ Student will work with othersto Co-Ordinate activities to achieve club objectives and they also had hands on work experience in planting Trees.
- ❖ By plantation programs not only students helped restore life quality in a community but contributed to the environment and helped fight climate change.



Awareness programme on world wetlands Day

Eco club of St. Joseph's Degree College, Celebrated world wetlands day on February 2, 2021 differently this year by spreading the awareness about wetlands and its importance to high school children of The Athena school Kurnool.

Celebrated annually on 2 February world wetlands day aims to raise global awareness about the key role wetlands play in storing, absorbing and cleaning fresh water. Any region flooded with freshwater temporarily or permanently is called a wetland. Wetlands can be described as an important bridge between the lands and the water and hence is important to both lives, terrestrial life and aquatic life.

Students of Eco club in their PPT presentation focused on 2021 theme of wetlands day "wetlands and water", highlighting the importance of wetlands as a source of fresh water and encouraging action to restore them and stop their loss.

Spreading awareness by initiating educational programmes about the importance of wetlands in local schools, colleges and among the general public would provide vital inputs to safeguard wetlands from further deterioration.

Indumathi of B. Com started the session with an introductory speech on wetlands and explained that marshes and swamps may not be homes to people but they are the homes to a lot of different animals.

Ruksana, Sandhya and Gayathri of IIBZC gave a PowerPoint presentation to school children of The Athena school regarding 42 RAMSAR sites in India with beautiful pictures of these 42 wetland areas.

Mani Sandeep of II BBA urged students to protect wetlands and save mother earth with his beautiful poetry.

Tarakaram and Revanth of II BZC explained in detail in their PPT about the uses of wetlands to humans and biodiversity as wetland support. A variety of species are one of the most productive ecosystems. They stressed on the main cause of wetland loss and degradation with the rapid growth in human population.

Gousia, Gouthami and Shruthi of IIBZC displayed their posters and had an interactive session with children regarding different types of species which live in wetland areas and how to conserve them. The awareness program was very successful as children got interactive raising several questions about wetlands.

Outcomes:

- ❖ Students gained knowledge about what are wetlands, in what way they are useful to us and how to protect the wetlands.
- ❖ The PowerPoint, poster presentation along with display of videos on wetlands helped to motivate and educate school children in a more efficient manner.

