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ABOUT THE CLUB

AARANYA – THE ECO CLUB

In an era where environmental challenges are no longer distant concerns but immediate realities, Aaranya – The Eco Club stands as a voice of responsibility, action, and change within our college. It is not just a society—it is a movement driven by the belief that the future of our planet lies in the choices we make today.

Aaranya was established with a clear purpose: to awaken environmental consciousness among students and transform awareness into meaningful action. At a time when climate change, pollution, and resource depletion threaten our ecosystem, the need for informed, responsible, and proactive youth has never been greater. Aaranya bridges this gap by empowering students to become environmentally aware leaders and change-makers.

The club serves as a platform where ideas evolve into initiatives—be it sustainability drives, awareness campaigns, community outreach, or innovative eco-friendly practices. Every activity conducted under Aaranya reflects a commitment to not only protect nature but to inspire others to do the same.

More than just organizing events, Aaranya instills values—of responsibility, sustainability, and collective action. It encourages students to think beyond themselves and contribute towards a greener, healthier, and more sustainable future.

Aaranya is not just about preserving the environment; it is about shaping a mindset that respects, protects, and coexists with nature. Because the true purpose of this society is simple yet powerful—to create not just students, but responsible custodians of the Earth.

TEACHERS COMMITTEE

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PROF. VIPIN AGGARWAL
SRI AUROBINDO COLLEGE (EVE)

DEAR STUDENTS AND READERS,

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm greetings on the release of the magazine by Aaranya Eco Club. This initiative reflects a commendable effort in fostering environmental awareness, responsibility, and sustainable thinking among our students.

In today's rapidly evolving world, environmental consciousness is not merely a choice but a necessity. Platforms like Aaranya Eco Club play a crucial role in nurturing young minds to become responsible citizens who are committed to protecting and preserving our planet for future generations.

I am delighted to witness the enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication demonstrated by the members of the club through various impactful activities and initiatives. Their efforts towards promoting eco-friendly practices and spreading awareness in the community are truly appreciable.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the club members, the core team, and the faculty coordinators for their continuous hard work and commitment. I also congratulate the leadership for successfully guiding the club towards meaningful achievements.
May Aaranya Eco Club continue to grow, inspire, and lead the way in environmental action and awareness in the years to come.

Best Wishes,
Principal
Sri Aurobindo College (Eve)



MESSAGE FROM THE CONVENOR

DR. ABDUL KALAM
SRI AUROBINDO COLLEGE (EVE)

DEAR STUDENTS AND READERS,

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Aaranya Eco Club activities in the first edition of Annual Magazine "Aaranya Varta". It has been a privilege for me to lead the Aaranya Eco Club team during current and previous academic year. This magazine showcases our journey of passion, teamwork and dedication towards Environmental education and awareness.

Eco club provide a platform for students to explore, educate and actively participate in environmental awareness and conservation. It is a nationwide initiative of Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India which was launched as National Green Corps (NGC) Eco Club in 2001-2002 with an objective to promote environmental education and awareness among students. It is one of the largest programs fostering sustainable life style, action based projects and environment conservation efforts.

Annual Magazine gives us glipmses of environmental awareness activities conducted by the Eco Club throughout the academic year. It is a compilation of thought provoking innovative ideas, creativity and highlights our sincere efforts towards Environmental protection.
I congratulate Aaranya Eco Club team for bringing out this inaugural edition of Magazine "Aaranya Varta". I sincerely appreciate the efforts of editorial team of the magazine who has tirelessly worked throughout the academic year. I thank Prof. Vipin Aggarwal, Principal of our college for his unwavering support and encouragement. I also thank faculty members of our Eco Club team for their help and support.

Let's keep working as a team, keep spreading the environmental awareness and take a pledge to adapt an environment friendly lifestyle following the Mission Life: Life Style for the Environment. We hope that our magazine "Aaranya Varta" will set a new milestone towards environmental education and awareness.

Thanks and Regards,
Dr Abdul Kalam
Convenor (Aaranya-The Eco Club)



MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CONVENOR

MR. MANJEET KUMAR

SRI AUROBINDO COLLEGE (EVE)

DEAR STUDENTS AND READERS,

It gives me immense pleasure to present the inaugural edition of the Annual Magazine 'Aaranya Varta 'of our Eco Club- Aaranya. This magazine marks not just the beginning of a publication, but the initiation of a meaningful journey towards environmental awareness, responsibility, and sustainable living.

In an era where environmental challenges are becoming increasingly complex, the role of young minds is more crucial than ever. The Eco Club serves as a platform for students to explore, understand, and actively contribute to environmental conservation. It is heartening to witness the enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication of our students who have come together to transform ideas into impactful actions.

This magazine is a reflection of all those efforts — a compilation of insightful articles, innovative ideas, creative expressions, and inspiring initiatives that highlight our collective commitment to nature. It showcases not only knowledge but also the sensitivity and responsibility that our students carry towards the environment.

I sincerely appreciate the efforts of all the members, contributors, and the editorial team of the Eco Club who have worked tirelessly to bring out this publication. I also extend my gratitude to the college administration for their support and encouragement.
Let this magazine be a source of inspiration for all readers and a reminder that every small step towards sustainability counts. Together, let us strive to nurture and protect our planet for present and future generations.

"Awakening the Green Within"
Warm regards,
Mr. Manjeet Kumar
Co-Convenor (The Eco Club-Aaranya)



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

PREETI YADAV
SRI AUROBINDO COLLEGE (EVE)

DEAR READERS,

It is a matter of great pride and honour to present this message as the President of Aaranya Eco Club. My journey with the club commenced as the Sub-Head of the Content Department, where I found a strong sense of belonging and gained valuable experience in teamwork, responsibility, and leadership.

Through consistent dedication and sincere efforts, I was subsequently entrusted with the responsibility of serving as the President. Aaranya stands not merely as a society, but as a platform that transforms ideas into meaningful action and fosters collective responsibility towards the environment.

Through our initiatives, we strive to promote awareness and encourage sustainable practices among the youth. I urge everyone to remain committed and actively contribute towards building a more environmentally conscious and responsible future.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our respected Principal, the Convenor, Co-Convenor, and the entire team of Aaranya for their constant support and guidance. Their encouragement has been instrumental in strengthening the vision and impact of the club.

Warm Regards,
Preeti Yadav
President
Aaranya Eco Club

THEME OF THE NEWSLETTER

Aaranya Varta – A Dialogue with Nature

In the fast-paced rhythm of modern life, Aaranya Varta calls us to slow down and listen—to the whispers of the forests, the stories carried by the wind, and the silent wisdom of the Earth. "Aaranya" represents the untouched beauty of nature, while "Varta" signifies a dialogue. Together, they form a powerful idea: a meaningful conversation between humans and the environment, one that we have long neglected.

Nature has never stopped speaking to us. It speaks through the rustling leaves, the flowing rivers, and the changing seasons. However, in our pursuit of growth and development, we have often chosen not to listen. Aaranya Varta reminds us that the environment is not just a resource to be used, but a voice to be heard, respected, and understood. Every element of nature carries a message of balance, patience, and coexistence.

This theme encourages us to rebuild our connection with the natural world, not through grand gestures alone, but through everyday actions. When we reduce waste, conserve water, or plant a tree, we are not just helping the environment—we are participating in this ongoing dialogue. It is through these small yet meaningful steps that we begin to truly understand nature's language.

At its core, Aaranya Varta is about harmony. It highlights the idea that humans and nature are deeply interconnected, each depending on the other for survival and growth. The beauty of this relationship lies in mutual respect—when we care for nature, it continues to nurture and sustain us in return. This balance is delicate, yet powerful enough to shape the future of our planet.

As we embrace Aaranya Varta, let us not treat it as just a theme, but as a guiding philosophy. Let it inspire us to listen more, act responsibly, and live consciously. Because when we truly engage in this dialogue with nature, we don't just protect the environment—we rediscover a part of ourselves that has always belonged to it.

FROM THE DESK OF CORE TEAM



Vice President - Sushant Kumar

Being the Vice President of Aaranya has been an enriching experience filled with teamwork, creativity, and commitment. This platform has given us the opportunity to turn ideas into impactful initiatives and bring people together for a meaningful cause.
Throughout the year, we aimed to not only organize events but also build awareness and inspire change at the grassroots level. The support and participation of our members made every effort worthwhile.

I believe that change begins with awareness, and awareness begins with conversations. Let us keep this conversation going and continue contributing towards a better environment.

General Secretary - Khushi Kumari

Serving as the General Secretary of Aaranya has been a journey of coordination, learning, and growth. Managing events, ensuring smooth execution, and working closely with the team has strengthened both my organizational and leadership skills.

This year, our focus remained on impactful activities that not only educated but also engaged participants. The teamwork and dedication shown by every member made each initiative successful.
I am grateful to be part of such a passionate group of individuals who are committed to making a difference. Together, we move forward with hope and determination.





Joint Secretary - Vansh Chauhan

Being the Joint Secretary of Aaranya has been a wonderful learning experience. From assisting in organizing events to contributing ideas, every moment has helped me grow both personally and professionally.

Working alongside such a motivated team has been truly inspiring. Each activity we conducted reflected our shared commitment towards environmental sustainability and awareness.
This journey has taught me the importance of collaboration and consistency. I look forward to continuing this path and contributing even more towards our mission.

FROM THE DESK OF CORE TEAM



Naina Bora - Digital Head

As the Digital Marketing Head of AARANYA, my aim was to turn ideas into impactful digital campaigns that could reach and engage a wider audience. Every post and initiative was designed to spread awareness in a creative and meaningful way.

This journey has been a blend of strategy and creativity, where we worked towards building a digital presence that not only informs but also inspires action. It has also strengthened my understanding of how powerful digital platforms can be in driving change.

Ayush Kaushik - Content Head

As the Content Head of AARANYA, my role was to shape ideas into meaningful and engaging content. Each piece was created with the intention to inform, connect, and inspire individuals towards environmental responsibility.

This experience has been both creative and fulfilling, allowing me to give a voice to our initiatives and present them in a way that truly reflects our vision. It has also helped me grow as a communicator and storyteller.





Raushan Kumar - Marketing Head

As the Marketing Head of AARANYA, my role was to ensure that our initiatives reached the right audience and created meaningful engagement. From planning strategies to promoting events, every effort was focused on building visibility and encouraging participation.

This journey has been both challenging and rewarding, teaching me the importance of communication, teamwork, and creativity. It has been fulfilling to contribute towards spreading awareness and strengthening the presence of AARANYA.

FROM THE MINDS OF EDITORS



ANUSHIKA KUMARI



ANUSHKA NEGI



ARYAN MAURYA



SUSHANT KUMAR



KHUSHI KUMARI

Crafting this magazine has been a journey of ideas, creativity, and collaboration. Every page reflects not just events and achievements, but the spirit and voice of Aaranya.

From collecting experiences to shaping them into stories, the process has been both challenging and rewarding. We aimed to create something that doesn't just inform, but also connects and inspires.

This magazine is a glimpse into our shared efforts, memories, and vision for a better tomorrow. We hope it resonates with you as much as it meant to us while creating it.

GEMS OF THE CLUB



ANUSHIKA KUMARI



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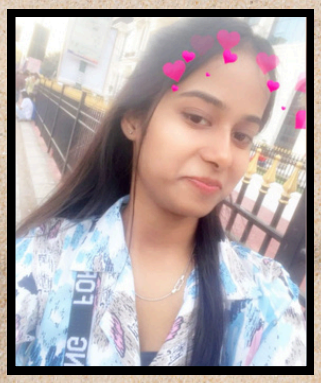
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ECHOES OF EXPERIENCE



AARANYA WASN'T JUST AN EXPERIENCE, IT WAS A PERSPECTIVE SHIFT. IT TAUGHT ME THAT EVEN THE SMALLEST ACTIONS CAN ECHO INTO MEANINGFUL CHANGE.

KHUSHI SURASKAR



SOMEWHERE BETWEEN IDEAS AND ACTION, I FOUND MY VOICE IN AARANYA. IT TURNED AWARENESS INTO RESPONSIBILITY AND MOMENTS INTO MEMORIES.

RAJ PRATAP SINGH



BEING A PART OF AARANYA FELT LIKE BEING PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN MYSELF. IT'S WHERE PASSION MET PURPOSE, AND LEARNING FELT EFFORTLESS.

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NOT EVERY JOURNEY LEAVES A MARK—BUT AARANYA DID. IT CHANGED HOW I SEE THE WORLD AND MY ROLE IN SHAPING IT

AJEET YADAV

ECHOES OF EXPERIENCE



BEING A PART OF THIS SOCIETY FELT LIKE TURNING IDEAS INTO IMPACT.EVERY DISCUSSION SPARKED A NEW PERSPECTIVE, AND EVERY EVENT BECAME A MEMORY WORTH KEEPING.

PIHU RANI



THIS SOCIETY DIDN'T JUST GIVE ME A PLATFORM, IT GAVE ME A VOICE.FROM SHY BEGINNINGS TO CONFIDENT EXPRESSIONS, THE JOURNEY HAS BEEN TRULY TRANSFORMATIVE.

KHUSHI GARG



WHAT STARTED AS CURIOSITY SOON BECAME A PASSION.THE ENERGY, THE PEOPLE, AND THE PURPOSE MADE EVERY MOMENT UNFORGETTABLE.

SHASHANK NAWADIA



HERE, I DIDN'T JUST PARTICIPATE—I EVOLVED.EACH EXPERIENCE ADDED A NEW LAYER TO WHO I AM TODAY

DIWAKAR SINGH

UNEP WORKSHOP

GENDER EQUALITY DISABILITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

"Sustainability for All, Not Just a Few"
"Sustainability without equity is just a dream for the privileged."

On 15th May 2025, within the inspiring walls of the WWF Auditorium, this idea didn't just remain a statement—it became a realization.

The UNEP workshop marked more than just an academic gathering for Aaranya's members. It was a shift in perspective, a moment of awakening. It urged us to look beyond the idea of "saving the planet" and question something deeper—
Who gets to be a part of this change?

A Call That Echoed
The session began not with quiet introductions, but with a powerful call:
"Leave no one behind."
These words stayed, echoing through every discussion. Through the lens of GEDSI, sustainability took on a new meaning—we learned that climate change is not just environmental, but deeply social.
"The storm does not choose equally, but it is always the vulnerable who face the strongest winds."
Those who contribute the least often suffer the most, making sustainability a responsibility rooted in justice.





Stories That Stirred Souls
Among the many insights, the story of the Hargila Army stood out. A group of women from Assam, driven by courage and purpose, came together to protect the endangered Greater Adjutant Stork. "When communities rise, even the impossible begins to take shape." They transformed indifference into action, proving that real change often begins not in institutions, but in determined hearts.

Redefining Conservation & A Thought to Carry Forward
This workshop didn't just inform—it transformed. It highlighted that the strongest guardians of nature are often those closest to it, and that sustainability is incomplete without inclusion. As the session closed, it left behind a quiet question: "What kind of future are we building, if not everyone gets to belong in it?"
Because true sustainability is not just about protecting the Earth—it is about protecting each other.

In Reflection
This was not just a workshop, but a reminder, a revelation, and a responsibility—to ensure climate action is inclusive and no voice goes unheard.
"The planet will heal, when humanity learns to heal together."

EK PED MAA KE NAAM

PLANTATION DRIVE IN COLLEGE CAMPUS

Eco Club Initiative: "Ek Pedh Maa Ke Naam"

Aaranya - The Eco Club of the college organized a thoughtful and impactful initiative titled "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam," combining an awareness campaign with a tree plantation drive. The event reflected a harmonious blend of environmental responsibility and emotional connection, encouraging individuals to recognize their role in nurturing nature.

As part of the awareness campaign, the campus was adorned with informative posters and creative displays that highlighted pressing environmental concerns and the importance of sustainable living. These visual efforts not only enhanced the aesthetic appeal of the surroundings but also served as a medium to educate and engage students and faculty.

The centerpiece of the initiative was the tree plantation drive, which carried a unique and heartfelt message. Participants planted saplings in honor of their mothers, symbolizing love, care, and the nurturing spirit that sustains life. This simple yet powerful gesture created a deeper emotional resonance, transforming the activity into a tribute that connected personal values with environmental action.





The event was inaugurated by the Principal, who planted the first sapling and addressed the gathering with an encouraging message on the importance of environmental stewardship. Emphasizing the role of youth as catalysts for change, the address motivated students to adopt eco-friendly habits and actively contribute to building a sustainable future.

The success of the initiative was made possible by the dedicated efforts of the Aaranya volunteers, whose coordination and enthusiasm ensured smooth execution and active participation. The event witnessed an encouraging response from the college community, reflecting a growing awareness and commitment towards environmental well-being.

In essence, "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" stood as more than just an event—it became a meaningful experience that blended awareness with action, and emotion with responsibility. It reinforced the idea that even small steps, when taken together, can lead to significant change, paving the way for a greener and more conscious future.

NURTURING NATURE AT HOME

ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD NATURE CONSERVATION DAY | 28 JULY 2026

"The Earth does not belong to us; we belong to the Earth."



On the occasion of World Nature Conservation Day, the members of Aaranya – The Eco Club came together with a shared purpose — to contribute, in their own simple yet meaningful ways, towards nurturing the environment.

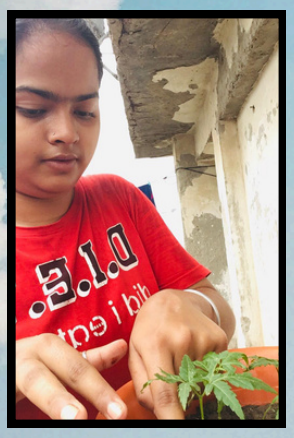
Rather than limiting conservation to a single space, each member undertook the responsibility of planting a sapling in their own surroundings. From quiet balconies and rooftops to small garden corners, these spaces were transformed into symbols of growth and care. Each sapling represented more than just a plant — it stood as a commitment towards a greener future.

The initiative was not merely about plantation, but about reflection. It encouraged individuals to pause and think about their relationship with nature, the impact of daily choices, and the responsibility we carry as part of this ecosystem. It reinforced the idea that environmental conservation is not defined by scale, but by intention and consistency.

Through this collective effort, a deeper message emerged — that real change begins with individuals. When small actions are taken with sincerity, they create ripples that extend far beyond what is visible.

Aaranya's initiative highlighted that sustainability is not a distant goal, but a continuous journey shaped by mindful actions and conscious living.





"Planting a tree is not just an act of today, but a promise for tomorrow."

RECRUITMENT

STRENGTHENING THE ROOTS: RECRUITMENT DRIVE 2025–26



The recruitment drive for the session 2025–26 marked a significant step in expanding the Aaranya family. With the release of application forms, the club witnessed an overwhelming response, reflecting a growing enthusiasm among students to contribute towards environmental action.

The process was carried forward through well-structured interviews, ensuring the selection of passionate and committed individuals. The remarkable participation highlighted the rising awareness and eagerness among students to be a part of meaningful change.

Conducted under the guidance of the previous core team, the recruitment drive was both efficient and inspiring. Their experience and mentorship played a vital role in shaping a transparent and impactful selection process.

"From a vision to a growing movement, every new member strengthens our commitment to a greener tomorrow.

Together, we don't just build a team—we build a purpose-driven community."

BRAIN BATTLES BEYOND NATURE

On the occasion of Word Ozone Day | 16th Sep 2026

High above us, invisible yet indispensable, the ozone layer stands between life on Earth and the scorching ultraviolet fury of the sun. On World Ozone Day, Aaranya brought that invisible shield into the spotlight — and turned its defence into a battle of brilliant green minds.



The Seminar Hall crackled with anticipation as the event opened with a ceremonial lamp lighting — each flame a symbol of knowledge kindled, of awareness ignited. An impactful awareness video followed, unravelling the science of ozone depletion with clarity and urgency: the story of CFCs, the gaping hole above Antarctica, and the hard-won victories of the landmark Montreal Protocol that began to stitch our atmospheric shield back together.

Then the real contest began. 17 teams from across Delhi's colleges marched into the arena, armed with knowledge and competitive fire. The battle unfolded in three ruthless rounds: an MCQ round that separated the well-read from the exceptional (cutting 17 teams to 10), a visual identification round that tested environmental literacy through images (narrowing the field to 6), and a breathless Rapid Fire Round that demanded both speed and precision — crowning the final three champions in a blaze of applause.

The podium shone with pride: PGDAV Morning College claimed first place, Integrated Faculty of Law stood second, and Gargi College earned a well-deserved third — all receiving Certificates of Achievement as tokens of their brilliance. But the real victory belonged to every participant who left the hall knowing more, caring more, and determined to do more for the atmosphere that sustains all life.



Perhaps the most lasting legacy of the day was the inter-college community it built. Young environmental enthusiasts from across the University of Delhi exchanged ideas, shared their colleges' sustainability initiatives, and discovered in each other a shared urgency — a generation that understands, with crystal clarity, that the ozone layer does not care about institutional boundaries, and neither should those who fight for it.



More than a competition, the event was a declaration — that knowledge is the most powerful tool in the conservationist's arsenal, and that when young minds unite for the planet, the future is in extraordinarily good hands.

ORIENTATION

"FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION – BEGIN YOUR GREEN JOURNEY

Orientation Day – A Beginning, Not an Introduction

Some beginnings are loud.
Ours was different.
It sounded like rustling leaves, curious whispers, and the quiet excitement of change.
The orientation session of our Aaranya wasn't just about welcoming new members—it was about planting ideas. As fresh faces walked in, they weren't just entering a society; they were stepping into a shared responsibility, a collective dream, and a movement that breathes for the planet.
We didn't begin with rules.
We began with questions.

"What does nature mean to you?"

And suddenly, the room wasn't a room anymore—it became forests, rivers, childhood memories, and hopes for a better tomorrow.



We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."
"Every leaf you save today, writes a greener tomorrow."
"In a world rushing forward, we chose to pause... and protect."
"The Earth whispers in silence, it's up to us to truly listen."
"A single step towards nature echoes into generations ahead."
"We didn't just gather to speak, we gathered to make a difference."

The session unfolded like a story—each segment revealing not just what we do, but why we do it. From interactive introductions to engaging activities, every moment was designed to connect, not instruct. Laughter echoed, ideas flowed, and strangers slowly turned into a team. We didn't just talk about climate change—we felt it.We didn't just discuss sustainability—we imagined it.Because this club isn't about lectures. It's about living the change.



"ECO WALK TOWARDS LIFE AND NOURISHMENT "

Steps Towards Change: Nourishing Lives, Breaking Chains

"Real change begins when compassion meets action and awareness transforms into responsibility."

Aaranya Eco Club, in collaboration with Vishalakshi Foundation, organized a meaningful outreach initiative centered on "Nasha Mukti Abhiyan" and Global Roti Day, aiming to promote a healthier, addiction-free society while encouraging compassion and social responsibility.

A Walk Marathon was conducted to raise awareness among youth and the wider community about the harmful effects of substance abuse. Participants actively spread the message of a drug-free lifestyle, inspiring many to reflect and act towards a better future.



Marking Global Roti Day, volunteers carried out a heartfelt roti distribution drive, reaching out to underprivileged individuals, especially those living on the streets. This act symbolized not just the fight against hunger, but also dignity, kindness, and shared humanity.

The event witnessed highly enthusiastic participation, with students and volunteers contributing with immense energy and dedication. As a recognition of their efforts, certificates were awarded to all participants, encouraging continued engagement in such impactful initiatives.

This collaborative effort stands as a testament to the power of youth-led action in driving meaningful social transformation and building a more inclusive and responsible society.

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Beyond the activities, the initiative served as a platform to ignite a sense of social consciousness among the youth. It encouraged individuals to step beyond academic boundaries and actively engage in real-world issues such as substance abuse and hunger. The event fostered leadership, empathy, and teamwork, empowering participants to become responsible citizens and change-makers within their communities.

INTO THE WILD

ON THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK | 2 OCTOBER - 8TH OCTOBER

> *Wildlife does not speak our language — but on National Wildlife Week, Aaranya made sure its story was heard. With over 100 voices gathered in one room, the club became the megaphone that our planet's voiceless creatures so desperately need.*

The event opened with core members of Aaranya weaving together the club's story — its origins, its mission, its victories, and its dreams. For new members stepping into this world for the first time,
it was not just an orientation; it was an invitation to belong to something larger than themselves.

Conveners Dr. Abdul Kalam and Mr. Manjeet Kumar then took the stage, their words carrying the weight of experience and the warmth of genuine passion — urging every student to treat wildlife conservation not as a subject, but as a sacred personal responsibility.



The open mic session titled 'My Expression' was the beating heart of the event. One by one, students stepped to the microphone and bared their souls — through poems that mourned disappearing species, through personal stories of encounters with nature that had changed them, through ideas that dared to imagine a world where humans and wildlife coexist in genuine harmony. The room listened, breathed, and felt.



A wildly popular 'Guess the Animal' game injected electric energy into the hall, turning ecological education into joyful competition. Then came the documentary screening — a cinematic journey through shrinking habitats, endangered species on the brink, and the human choices that had brought them there. The post-screening silence was more eloquent than any speech: a room of approx 100 young people quietly reckoning with their role in the story.

EVS Department members unveiled their posters themed 'Save Wildlife, Save Earth' — each one a masterclass in visual advocacy, vibrant with colour and trembling with urgency. The day closed with a group photograph that captured something rare and precious: a community united not by circumstance, but by conviction. A snapshot of hope for the wild world

BUZZING INTO KNOWLEDGE

If the bee disappeared from the face of the Earth, humanity would have just four years left. Against that sobering backdrop, Aaranya journeyed to the lush green of Sunder Nursery — to listen, to learn, and to fall irreversibly in love with the world's most essential pollinator.

Under the open sky, surrounded by the hum of living things, expert **Dr. Rakesh Gupta** became a master storyteller of the bee world. Students gazed in wonder at the geometric perfection of hexagonal honeycombs, marvelled at the precise social architecture of a hive — the tireless worker bees, the purposeful drones, and the extraordinary queen whose every need sustains an entire colony. It was science, but it felt like magic.

Then came the golden moment — the honey tasting session. Three jars, three entirely different worlds: the pale, floral whisper of light honey; the warm, balanced richness of golden honey; and the deep, earthy complexity of dark honey. Each variety told the story of a bee's foraging journey — the flowers visited, the miles flown, the nectar gathered. Tasting honey, students realised, was tasting the biography of a bee.



Three native species took centre stage: the mighty Indian Rock Bee (Apis dorsata), the delicate Little Bee (Apis florea), and the industrious Indian Honey Bee (Apis cerana indica). But woven through each description was a thread of alarm — bee populations are collapsing, driven by pesticide overuse, habitat destruction, and a warming planet that is scrambling the very seasons bees rely on to survive. The urgency in Dr. Gupta's voice was impossible to ignore.

Every participant departed with a Workshop Diary — a space to document observations, record learnings, and track future actions. More importantly, they left with a collective pledge: to plant native flowering species, to support local beekeepers, and to banish harmful pesticides from their lives. Small promises — but for a bee, they could mean the difference between survival and extinction.

SEMINAR ON CLIMATE FINANCE

IN COLLABORATION WITH ECOSHASTRA (SOCIETY OF THE ECONOMIS DEPT.) | 28TH JAN 2026

Bridging Sustainability and Finance: An Insightful Seminar on Climate Finance

Aaranya – The Eco Club, in collaboration with Ecoshastra, successfully organized a highly engaging and insightful seminar on the theme "Introduction to Climate Finance." The session aimed to deepen understanding of the critical role finance plays in addressing climate change and promoting sustainable development.

The seminar was graced by distinguished speakers, Soumya Dutta and Amitanshu Verma, who brought with them a wealth of knowledge and real-world experience. Their presence added immense value to the discussion, offering participants both theoretical insights and practical perspectives on climate finance mechanisms.



The conversation revolved around the urgency of mobilizing financial resources to combat environmental challenges, the significance of green investments, and the role of policy frameworks in driving sustainable initiatives. The speakers emphasized how climate finance acts as a vital bridge between environmental responsibility and economic growth, enabling nations and organizations to transition towards a low-carbon future.



The session was not merely a lecture but an interactive and thought-provoking dialogue. Participants actively engaged in discussions, raising questions about sustainability practices, funding opportunities, and the role of youth in shaping climate-conscious financial decisions. This exchange of ideas made the seminar both informative and impactful.



Overall, the seminar proved to be a vital conversation in today's context, reinforcing the importance of integrating environmental awareness with financial strategies. Aaranya Eco Club continues to take such initiatives to inspire, educate, and empower students to contribute meaningfully towards a sustainable future.

ART FOR EARTH'S LIFELINES

ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD WETLANDS DAY | 2 FEB 2026

Wetlands are the Earth's kidneys — quietly filtering, sustaining, and nurturing life beneath their still surfaces. On World Wetlands Day, Aaranya gave these silent heroes the loudest, most colourful voice they have ever had on campus.

The event burst onto the campus stage with an inter-college poster-making competition that turned blank sheets into windows of environmental truth. Students wielded brushes and markers like weapons against indifference, painting vivid portrayals of biodiversity loss, plastic pollution, and the creeping disappearance of wetland habitats. Every poster was a conversation starter — bold, emotional, and impossible to ignore.



SHORT SKIT (NUKKAD NATAK) FOLLOWED BY A WETLAND CONSERVATION PLEDGE

Then came the Nukkad Natak — and the campus stood still. The street play unfolded with raw energy and theatrical brilliance, placing human greed and ecological destruction centre stage. Actors embodied polluted rivers, displaced birds, and drowning wetlands, compelling the audience to feel, not just observe, the consequences of environmental negligence. It was storytelling as activism — and it worked



A deeply moving highlight came when the Principal stepped forward — not as an authority figure, but as a fellow citizen of the Earth — and joined students in taking the wetland conservation pledge. That simple act of solidarity sent a powerful message: that environmental responsibility knows no hierarchy, and that real change happens when leaders lead by example.



The event left behind more than memories. It planted seeds of curiosity, empathy, and action in every participant — a reminder that wetlands are not wastelands to be reclaimed, but sanctuaries to be protected, celebrated, and fiercely defended.

PLASTINDIA 2026

What does it mean to champion sustainability at the heart of the plastics industry? For 43 members of Aaranya – The Eco Club, it meant standing tall at Bharat Mandapam for three consecutive days — turning a global industry event into a masterclass in responsible waste management.

The scale of PLASTINDIA was staggering — thousands of industry professionals, exhibitors, and visitors streaming through its doors every day. Into this bustling, complex environment, Aaranya's volunteers arrived with a clear mission and a colour-coded weapon: a three-dustbin waste segregation system. Blue for dry and recyclable waste, green for biodegradable materials, yellow for liquid waste — a simple system that, when implemented with care, can transform mountains of mixed waste into streams of recoverable resources.

Across three days, 43 members took their positions beside the bins — patient, informed, and unfailingly courteous. They intercepted misplaced waste before it could contaminate other streams, guided bewildered visitors with a smile, and held the line against the chaos that large events so easily become. Day one brought 15 volunteers, day two a surging 19, and day three a devoted final 9 — each cohort as committed as the last



But the work was more than logistical. Every interaction was an act of environmental education — a quiet, powerful conversation about why it matters where a plastic bottle ends up. In a setting dedicated to the plastics industry, these conversations carried an almost poetic significance: a reminder that the future of plastic is not in its production, but in its responsible management and eventual replacement.





The experience forged in each volunteer something that no classroom can fully teach: practical leadership, resilient teamwork, and the quiet confidence of knowing that you have made a real difference in the world — not in theory, but in the tangible, measurable reality of bins that stayed sorted and a venue that stayed clean. Sustainability, they proved, is not just a concept. It is a practice — and a privilege.

NATURE WALK AT SULTANPUR NATIONAL PARK

There are classrooms, and then there are places like Sultanpur National park— where the curriculum is written in the language of wings and water, and every lesson arriveson the back of a bird that has flown thousands of miles to be there. On 16th March 2026, 39 members of Aaranya stepped into that classroom.

The journey began before the destination — on the bus, in the excited chatter of students setting off into the unknown, in the gradual shift from urban sprawl to open sky. Departing at 8:59 AM and arriving at 11:34 AM, the group was greeted by the information centre, where the story of Sultanpur National park unfolded through educational displays: the science of bird migration, the astonishing navigation abilities of birds travelling thousands of kilometres by starlight and magnetic field, the rich tapestry of species that call this wetland home.



Then the trails opened up — and the world changed. Students walked in quiet reverence through Sultanpur National park's natural corridors, eyes scanning the horizon for movement. They were rewarded magnificently: migratory and resident bird species glided across open water, perched in reeds catching the afternoon light, and dipped elegant beaks into the shallows. Every sighting was a reminder that this wetland is not empty land — it is a city of creatures, bustling and alive, entirely dependent on the water and vegetation that humans so casually threaten.

Faculty members guided rich discussions about the wetland ecosystem — the aquatic plants filtering the water, the grasses sheltering nesting birds, the invisible food webs sustaining every creature from the tiniest invertebrate to the largest heron. Students were also confronted with uncomfortable truths: the threats of urban encroachment, agricultural runoff, and climate-driven changes to water levels that put Sultanpur National park's extraordinary biodiversity at risk.



The visit returned students not just with knowledge, but with something rarer and more durable: a genuine, felt connection to the natural world. Standing at the edge of a wetland at midday, watching a painted stork lift off the water in a slow, majestic arc, it is impossible not to understand — viscerally, completely — why these places must be protected. Aaranya's members came home as ambassadors for Sultanpur National park , carrying its story in their hearts and its lessons in their minds



ANNUAL DAY 2025



Honouring Leadership: Felicitation of the Core Team (2024–25)

The Annual Day ceremony marked a moment of pride and appreciation as the Core Team of Aaranya – The Eco Club for the session 2024–25 was formally felicitated for their dedicated service and impactful contributions.

The felicitation recognized the team's consistent efforts in organizing meaningful initiatives, spreading environmental awareness, and fostering a culture of sustainability within the institution. Their leadership and commitment played a crucial role in strengthening the vision and outreach of Aaranya.

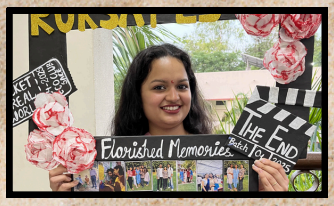
This honour was not merely a gesture of appreciation but a celebration of the teamwork, responsibility, and passion demonstrated by the core team throughout their tenure.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our respected Principal, Conveners, and Co-Conveners for acknowledging and encouraging such efforts. Their support continues to inspire and motivate the entire Aaranya family.

The recognition of the 2024–25 core team stands as a reminder that dedicated efforts towards a sustainable future are always valued and celebrated.

TIMELESS SNIPPETS



























MOMENTS WE MADE
































VOICES OF NATURE

(Where young minds speak for the Earth)

NATURE THROUGH POETRY

THE DAY NATURE TESTIFIES

In a courtroom without walls,
Where the sky is cracked and torn,
Nature stands as witness
Bruised, betrayed, and worn.

The rivers take the stand first,
With poison in their veins,
Speaking of factories and greed,
Of profit over pains.

The forests follow quietly,
Stumps where giants grew,
Each ring a year of stolen life,
Each scar a human clue.

The air arrives in silence,
Too choked to fully speak,
Carrying ash and broken breath
Of futures growing weak.

The oceans rise in anger,
Their tides no longer tame,
Swallowing shores and cities whole
To testify our shame.

And when it's finally our turn,
No defense left to plead
The verdict echoes through the Earth:
"Guilty of silent greed."

No judge, no jail, no second chance,
No mercy left to give—
Just a dying world reminding us
We chose not to let it live.

BORROWED TIME

We walk on borrowed time and dust,
On broken promises and rust.
The trees we cut, the seas we stain,
Return to us as fire and pain.

The ice that held the world in place
Now melts before our careless pace.
The seasons shift, the balance breaks
A silent war the planet takes.

We built our kingdoms, loud and proud,
Beneath a dark, polluted cloud.
We chased the gold, ignored the cost,
And never saw what we had lost.

The Earth does not forget our touch,
She gives, but never owes us much.
And when she claims what we have worn.
We'll face the wrath that we have born.

No clock will pause, no time will bend,
If we refuse the chance to mend.
The future isn't far away—
It's dying slowly, day by day.

Divya Verma
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2nd year

The Earth Is Calling

I walked barefoot on the morning earth,
And felt it breathe beneath my feet,
The dew was cold, the soil was warm,
And life pulsed through that silent beat.

The rivers do not ask for much —
Just leave their waters clean and free,
Yet we have filled them with our waste,
And called it our necessity.

The trees stood tall before we came,
Their roots went deeper than our pride,
We cut them down to build our walls,
And wondered why the rains have dried.

The sparrow sang outside my door
One morning — then it sang no more,
The sky turned grey, the garden stilled,
And silence filled the space it filled.

We are not lords of this green earth,
We are its guests — and nothing more,
What we destroy we cannot rebuild,
No coin can buy what lived before.

So plant a seed before you sleep,
And let the fireflies keep their light,
For every forest, every stream,
Is someone's home, someone's night.

The earth is calling — soft and low,
Not in anger, not in war,
But like a mother calling back
The child who wandered far, too far.

What We Leave Behind

When I am gone, what will remain
Of all the choices that I made?
A plastic bag beside a stream,
A hill where once a forest swayed?

The glaciers melt without a word,
They do not protest, they just shrink,
And somewhere far a child will grow
With nothing clean enough to drink.

We speak of future generations
With pride inside our polished halls,
But what is future, what is hope,
When smog sits thick on city walls?

I want to hand them open skies,
Not warnings wrapped in policy files,
I want the bees to still be there,
The wild grass stretching for miles and miles.

So let us not just talk of change
In conference rooms with coffee cups,
Let us go out and plant and heal,
And be the earth that never gives up.

Because the child who is not born
Cannot fight the fight we leave,
And every tree we choose to save
Is a breath they'll get to breathe.

What we leave behind will speak
Louder than any word we say —
So let it be a living world,
Not a debt they have to pay.

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Earth's Little Reminder

One morning Earth sent me a text,
"Hey human, what are you doing next?
You cut my trees, you heat my air,
At this rate... I need repair!"

I laughed and said, "Relax a bit,
We'll fix it soon, don't throw a fit."
But then I saw the rivers cry,
And smoky clouds cover the sky.

The trees looked bald, the birds looked lost,
Nature whispered, "Count the cost."
The sun felt hotter than before,
And oceans knocked on every shore.

Earth said, "I gave you all you need,
Fresh air to breathe, land to seed.

But you forgot a simple rule—
Don't treat your home like a fool."

I felt ashamed, I had no excuse,
Too much waste, too much misuse.
So I picked a plant,
I saved some water,
Promised change from son to daughter.

Now every step, both big and small,
Can help the Earth, can save us all.
Because one thing is clear to see—
No "Planet B" for you and me.

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ENVIRONMENTAL INSIGHTS

Earth's Complaint Box (Now Open 24/7)

If Earth had a customer care number, I'm pretty sure it would be constantly busy. Press 1 for pollution complaints, press 2 for climate change, and press 3 if you're a human still using plastic after watching 57 environmental documentaries.
One fine day, Earth finally decided, "Bas! Enough is enough." It opened an official Complaint Box for Humans. Within seconds, the complaints started pouring in... from Earth itself.

Complaint #1: "Dear Humans, why are you treating me like a dustbin?"
Earth wrote, "I gave you forests, and you gave me deforestation. I gave you oceans, and you gave me... plastic bottles doing swimming practice."
Honestly, even the fish are confused now. A turtle picks up a plastic bag and thinks, "Wow, a jellyfish!" Surprise—it's a packet of chips from 2012.

Complaint #2: "Who turned the AC on?"
Global warming is like that one friend who keeps increasing the AC temperature secretly. Except here, we are that friend.
Earth said, "I was doing fine at my normal temperature, and now suddenly I feel like I'm sitting inside a tandoor."
Glaciers are melting faster than ice cream in Delhi's summer. Soon, penguins might start applying for visas.

Complaint #3: "Why cut trees? They literally give you oxygen for free!"
Trees are probably the most patient beings ever. They stand all day, give shade, give fruits, clean the air—and what do they get in return? A chainsaw.
Imagine if trees had WiFi passwords. We'd protect them like national treasures.
"Bro, don't cut that tree, it has 5G signal!"

Complaint #4: "Water is not an unlimited subscription."
Humans use water like it's free data. Tap open, water flowing, and we're scrolling reels.
Earth is like, "Excuse me, that's drinking water, not a background sound effect."
At this rate, future generations might have to watch YouTube tutorials titled:
"How to see real water in 2035 (Not Clickbait)."
Then something unexpected happened...
A human replied to Earth's complaint box.
"Dear Earth, sorry yaar. We messed up. But we're trying. Some of us are planting trees, using less plastic, saving water, and spreading awareness."
Earth paused. For the first time, it smiled (if planets can smile).
The Truth is...
Not all humans are the problem. Many are trying to be the solution.
The guy carrying a cloth bag instead of plastic? Hero.
The girl reminding everyone to switch off lights? Legend.
The person planting trees and actually watering them? Superstar.
Saving the environment isn't about doing big things. It's about doing small things consistently.

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We did our part, but the journey doesn't end here.
Every step we took is just a beginning.
The responsibility now grows beyond us— for a planet that still needs our care.

SCAN TO STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR JOURNEY