

# DEPARTMENT PROFILE

## About the Department

The Department of Environmental Studies was recently established in the year 2018. The establishment of the Department was necessitated for the smooth functioning of the one semester compulsory course (AECC) in Environmental Studies as well as to serve as a platform for introducing BSc (H) Environmental Science Programme in the college, for which it has already got the necessary permission from the University of Delhi. All first year students of the college have to mandatorily study the AECC course in Environmental Studies. An Environmental society was recently established (in September 2020) by the department and is named EnviSAGE (Environmental society for Sustainable and Greener Earth).

## Number of teaching posts

- a. Assistant Professor : 1 (1 ad-hoc teacher appointed)

## Courses taught

- a. Environmental Science (Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course)  
*Mandatory for all undergraduate students in first year*

## Departmental Society

EnviSAGE (Environmental society for Sustainable and Greener Earth) is the environment society cum eco-club of SGND Khalsa College. The members of the society, who are called eco-warriors, focus on organizing activities that can empower individuals in terms of the knowledge about environmental issues and challenges that we currently face. The activities of the society include conducting webinars/seminars with the help of experts from relevant fields, observe environment relevant days by organising various activities, events and competitions, spreading awareness through social media platforms and personal interactions, organizing nature walks, and to help in implementing of eco-friendly best practices in the college. The society also publishes a fortnightly newsletter titled RAVEN which shares news and opinion on contemporary and relevant environmental issues. For more information about the society, please visit

<https://www.sgndkc.org/sk/page.php?view=envisage&page=societies>

## Departmental Activities

- National Webinar on the theme “**New Perspectives on Nature Conservation in Post-COVID 19 Era**” on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 was organized to commemorate World Environment Day 2020. Prof. Radheyshyam Sharma and Dr. Suneetha T.B. were the expert speakers, who shared their valuable knowledge and opinion on the theme.
- The Department of Environmental Studies inaugurated the Environmental society cum Eco-club of SGND Khalsa College on September 16, 2020 on the occasion of World Ozone Day. The society has been named EnviSAGE, Environmental society for Sustainable And Greener Earth.
- EnviSAGE society celebrated the Wildlife Week (Oct 2- Oct 8) by organizing two events. A webinar on the topic “*More than scales, spines and poison: A glimpse into the secret world of reptiles*”. Dr Varad Giri, renowned herpetologist, was the guest speaker who shared his valuable knowledge about reptiles of India. Another event that was organized was an intercollege competition named Fauna Silvestre. The competition was designed for participants to find practical solutions to real life problems related to the field of Biodiversity and Conservation. The competition witnessed participation from across the country.
- On the occasion of International Day for Climate change, October 24, 2020, a panel discussion named ‘Adhyayan 2020’ was organized by the Environmental Society. The panel consisted of four panelists:

**Amrita Dhillon:** Founder Editor ‘The Kootneeti’,

**Anshi Srivastav:** Climate Change Specialist,

**Kumar Niketan:** Co-Founder CLAP, and

**Garvit Nagpal:** Student Environmentalist, Ramanujan College, Delhi University.

The panelists discussed various policies and strategies that India has devised and shared their views and explained where we need to improve or change the policies, in particular with respect to the time frame provided for achieving them.

- The Department of Environmental Studies alongwith Department of English in collaboration with IQAC organized a two-day National webinar on the theme “Man-Nature: Through the Lens of Ecocriticism” on 5<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020 on online platform (Google meet) . Prof. Murali Sivaramakrishnan, Prof. Charanjit Singh Shah, and Dr. Pankaj Sekhsaria were the resource persons for the webinar. Participants from across the country presented their research findings related to the theme of the webinar.
- EnviSAGE society observed World Water Day on March 22, 2021 by organizing two events. A webinar was organized on the topic “Valuing Water” for students and Faculty. Dr Fawzia Tarannum, Associate Professor, TERI was the resource person for the event. The society also organized a photostory competition, named Paridrishya. The theme of the competition was “*Paani re paani tera rang kaisa*”. It aimed at tapping the creative potential of young students in

highlighting their concern about Water and its precious value, through the medium of pictures. The competition witnessed good participation from students of various colleges and institutes.

- On the occasion of Earth Day, April 24, 2021, a meme making competition was organized by the society. The objective was to make people laugh and yet question themselves on Earth Day accepting responsibility of their actions in degrading the quality of life on the planet. Based on the originality, creativity, environmental relevance and quality of satire, the jury panel picked three winners for the event out of a total of 40 entries.

### **Environmental Society Newsletter: The RAVEN**

In order to reach out to a wider audience and for keeping them abreast with contemporary and relevant environment related news and views, Envisage society has started a fortnightly newsletter, **The Raven**. The newsletter is aimed at spreading awareness among youth, encourage them to critically analyse the impacts of human activities on the environment and inspire them to brainstorm on possible solutions for the future. The first issue of the newsletter was released on 15 January, 2021.