

## DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

### I. ANNUAL EVENTS

#### 1. *Orientation Programme*

A formal Orientation for new batch of post graduate students is organized every year to welcome them. The event is an attempt to introduce students to the department and its faculty. Healthy interaction with the alumnae and final year students are also encouraged to help students learn from their experience.



#### 2. *Department Founder's Day*

Departments Founder's day is celebrated each year in the month of September. The event is celebrated with current batch of students, faculty, retired faculty, alumni and non-teaching staff.



### ***3. Taskforce Meet***

The Task force was formed in the year 2007-08 which acts as an advisory body for the department providing it with necessary industry inputs and academic expertise. It consists of eminent professionals from the area of sustainable habitat, product design, green buildings, space planning and environment management. The task force meets formally once a year. However, the faculty of the department is in touch with the task force members throughout the

year. The task force has often played an important role in transaction of the curriculum, holding special lectures and symposia, undertaking projects, doing research in contemporary areas, providing internships and placements. Over the years a number of collaborative researches have been undertaken in the department, both doctoral and masters', with experts from the task force serving as supervisors.



#### ***4. Annual Symposium on Sustainable Development***

The department, in collaboration with School of Planning, Design and Construction, Michigan State University, USA, has been organizing its annual symposium on sustainable development since 2007-08, with funding support from various organizations like Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India, Energy Efficiency Services Limited, Ministry of Power, Government of India and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL). The symposium is an endeavour to empower stakeholders towards much needed sensitization in environmental issues and concerns. The symposium has been instrumental in providing a platform to bring together academia, Industry, Government & Non-Government institutions for a way forward to skill development, employability, outreach, research and innovations in the area of sustainable development. Over the past one and a half decade, the annual symposium has been able to bring together eminent speakers from varied fields of environment management and sustainable development like green buildings, energy efficiency and renewable energy to name a few. Eminent speakers from the industry, government and academia have participated in these symposia as speakers like Dr. P. C. Jain, Prof. Matt Syal, Dr. Arun K. Tripathi, Mr. Ashok B. Lall, Mr. Sanjay Seth, Mr. Sanjay Prakash, Mr. Tanmay Tathagat, Mr Kamal Meattle, Dr. Arunabha Ghosh. The speakers have represented various esteemed organizations,

both government and private, like Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), Michigan State University (MSU), Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), Department of Environment & Forest, Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), ASSOCHAM, School of Planning & Architecture (SPA), USAID, AECOM, Kalpakrit Sustainable Environments Pvt. Ltd., Centre for Science & Environment (CSE) and many more.



### ***5. National Innovation Day***

National Innovation Day is organized by the department to invite entries on various themes like plastic-o-thon, waste to wealth, etc. The competitive events included designing ideas and prototypes. The event is usually held in in the month of January-February and students from Lady Irwin College as well as deemed universities across the city participated.





## 6. *Raushni Deshpande Memorial Oration*

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The Raushni Deshpande Memorial Oration, an annual lecture, was initiated in the academic year 1999-2000 in memory of Ms. Raushni Deshpande. She was also the former Director of Lady Irwin College. The Oration has been delivered by eminent speakers like Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Vibhuti Patel, Dr. Arun Kumar, Dr. Mary P. Andrews, Mr. Ashok B. Lall, who have been academicians, practitioners, activists and administrators engaged with the issues of sustainable development and social change.



## 7. *First South Asian Conference 2020 on Sustainability*

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The Department faculty was part of the organising team in the First South Asian Conference on Sustainability in Textile and Apparel Industry 2020, with Prem Jain Memorial Trust inaugurated by Honourable Minister Smt. Smriti Irani. The main objective of the conference was to address the following concerns of Textile and Apparel Industry: Sustainable Facilities, Workers' Well-being and Sustainable Products and Resources.



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## II. WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS AND WEBINARS

### WORKSHOPS:

S.No.	WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS	DATE
1	<b>Workshop on scope of design with Pearl Academy</b> A workshop was held at Pearl Academy for B.Sc. students to understand the scope of design related fields	April, 2020
2	<b>Workshop on Tray Garden</b> A workshop was organized on developing miniature gardens and table tops fountains for Postgraduate students in the department	February, 2019
3	<b>TERI-NCSTC Eco WASH Educator Fellowship</b>	2018-2019
4	<b>Workshop on Wood Product Design</b> A workshop was held for designing and making lifestyle products from waste wood	October 2018 to February 2019

5	<p><b>Workshop on Candle Packaging Design</b></p> <p>A workshop was held with NAAZ Foundation, focusing on designing candle packages and suggesting ways for better marketing of products</p>	January to April, 2019
6	<p><b>Workshop on Pottery</b></p> <p>A workshop at the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art was held to understand the rural crafts and develop skill in pottery for better engagement with local craftsmen in which the students and faculty participated. Following skills were imparted during the workshop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mask making</li> <li>• Terracotta</li> <li>• Clay animals</li> </ul>	March, 2019
7	<p><b>Seminar on Investors Education &amp; Awareness Programme (SEBI)</b></p>	November 2017
8	<p><b>Advance Workshop on Product development</b></p> <p>The workshop was conducted in collaboration with Noun Design Innovation Pvt. Ltd. The workshop was conceptualized with the objectives to learn about the basics of paper recycling, to understand the techniques of paper handling, to generate innovative ideas regarding wise use of recycled paper and to design and develop innovative prototypes using recycled paper through the innovative ideas generated</p>	Dec 2016
9	<p><b>Workshop on Waste Management: Perspectives and Challenges</b></p> <p>A workshop was organized by the Dept. of RMDA and Eco-club, Lady Irwin College to design products from household waste</p>	September, 2015
10	<p><b>Workshop on Recycle, Reuse and Reduce</b></p> <p>A workshop was organized by the Dept. of RMDA in collaboration with POM POM on waste management</p>	September, 2016

11	<p><b>Workshop on Vermi-Composting</b></p> <p>A workshop was organized in collaboration with Indian Pollution Control Association to get hands on experience on vermin-composting</p>	August, 2016
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**WEBINARS:**

S.No.	WEBINARS	Resource person(s)	Date
1	Webinar on ‘Design your own career’	Mr. Sunil Sharma, Partner, Kickstart	September 13, 2020
2	Webinar on ‘Documentation (File Editing, compression and conversion)’	Mr. Sanjay Sharma, Creative Head, 361 DigiAds	August 8, 2020
3	Webinar on ‘Composting: Cost effective alternative for home’	Ms. Samidha Bansal, Founder, Green Karma	August 6, 2020
4	Webinar on ‘Entrepreneurship: Opportunities and nuances in the contemporary scenario’	Dr. Shashank Vashistha Director, Armagro Solutions	July 25, 2020
5	Webinar on ‘Importance of maintaining Indoor Air Quality and ventilation in COVID-19 Pandemic’	Dr. Radha Goyal, Deputy Director, Indian Pollution Control Association	July 24, 2020
6	Webinar on ‘CSR: The New Corporate Essential’	Ms. Gayatri Subramaniam, Director, Association of Women in Business	July 23, 2020
7	Webinar cum panel discussion on ‘Development of Solar Energy in India’	Dr. A.K Tripathi, Director General, NISE, MNRE and Mr. Raghav Aggarwal, Director Strategy & Business Development, Rotomag	July 23, 2020
8	Webinar on ‘Marketing 2.0: Digital Disruption’	Ms. Tanya Gupta, Group Head, Media & Buying, Interpublic Group	July 21, 2020
9	Webinar on ‘Design Possibilities post pandemic’	Prof. Lalit Kumar Das, Former Head, Industrial Design Dept., IIT Delhi, Honorary Professor, Dept. of Design, Delhi Technological University	June 19, 2020



10	Webinar on 'Green Elements in an Institutional Evolution, Auditing with upgrade'	Prof. Ajit Seshadri, Chairman & Head, The Vigyan Vijay Foundation	July 18, 2020
11	Webinar on 'Designers and Automation: Evolving relationship in present times'	Sageer Shaikh, Sr. Business Analyst, BuildTrack	June 15, 2020
12	Webinar cum workshop on 'Linkedin for Career Development'	Dr. Charvi Mehta, Technical Expert, GIZ	June 12, 2020
13	Webinar on 'Individual solution to Plastic Pollution'	Ms. Richa Malik, Founder, The Happy Turtle	May 29, 2020
14	Webinar on 'Launching and managing a successful startup'	Mr. Rohit Sharma, Business Head & Co-Founder, Pankh	May 26, 2020
15	Webinar on 'Clean Energy Financing – A viable solution for post COVID-19 scenario'	Mr. Sanjay Dube, President and CEO, Indian Institute of Energy Conservation	May 22, 2020
16	Webinar on 'Digital Transformation in India that helped get through COVID-19 Lockdown'	Ms. Jayashree Kurup, Editorial Head, Magicbricks realty Services Ltd.	May 19, 2020
17	Webinar cum workshop on 'Resume Writing'	Dr. Charvi Mehta, Technical Expert, GIZ	May 15, 2020
18	Webinar on 'Sustainability in Accessory Design'	Ms. Soumya Suresh and Ms. Pratima Sinha, Founders Nurture India & Ms. Anchal Mital, Founder Brandless	May 15, 2020
19	Webinar on 'Waste management practices: Concerns and issues in present context'	Mr. Ashish Jain, Director Indian Pollution Control Association	May 15, 2020
20	Webinar on 'Plastic: A Global Pollutant'	Mr. Satish Sinha, Associate Director, Toxics Link	May 14, 2020
21	Webinar on '2020, the Age of Realization?'	Ms. Ranjita Menon, Programme Director, Environment Education, Centre for Science and Environment	May 12, 2020
22	Webinar on 'Industry interface for sustainable design'	Mr. Ratan Kumar Jha, Zonal Head – CTS North, JK Cement Ltd.	May 11, 2020

### **III. EDUCATIONAL VISITS AND TRIPS**

The department has been organizing various educational visits to different organizations related to its areas of specialization like Centre for Science and Environment, Airports Authority of India – Paper Recycling Unit, National Institute for Solar Energy, TERI, IIT-Delhi, Indian Pollution Control Association, Crafts Museum, Dilli Haat and Renewable Energy expo from time to time. These visits have been instrumental in helping students to understand waste water treatment, paper recycling, solar technology, vernacular structure, resource mapping of historical locations and gain insight into different typology.



Additionally, the department also organizes field trips outside Delhi to give the students hands-on experience in their research and specialization areas. Over the years, educational trips have been planned to places like Jaipur Block, Jaipur textile cluster (Rajasthan), Taragram Orchha (Madhya Pradesh), Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary (Rajasthan), Nainital (Uttarakhand) candle factories and forest department and Rock garden (Chandigarh). During these visits, students have been oriented towards various aspects of sustainability and design like effluent treatment plants, vernacular architecture, waste to wealth, rain water harvesting systems, photovoltaic plants to name a few. Students also visited a rural area called Mini Israel where they learned about the process and functioning of solar water pumps, sustainable agricultural practices like drip

irrigation, mulching sheets, use of polyhouses, humidifiers, and much more. The field trips not only catalyse the learning of students, but also give them a refreshing experience, beyond the college environment.

