

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

I. ANNUAL EVENTS

1. Orientation Programme

Every year, a formal orientation is organized to greet the fresh batch of postgraduate students. The event aims to introduce students to the department and its faculty. Students are encouraged to interact with alumnae and final-year students in order to learn from their experiences.





2. Department Founder's Day

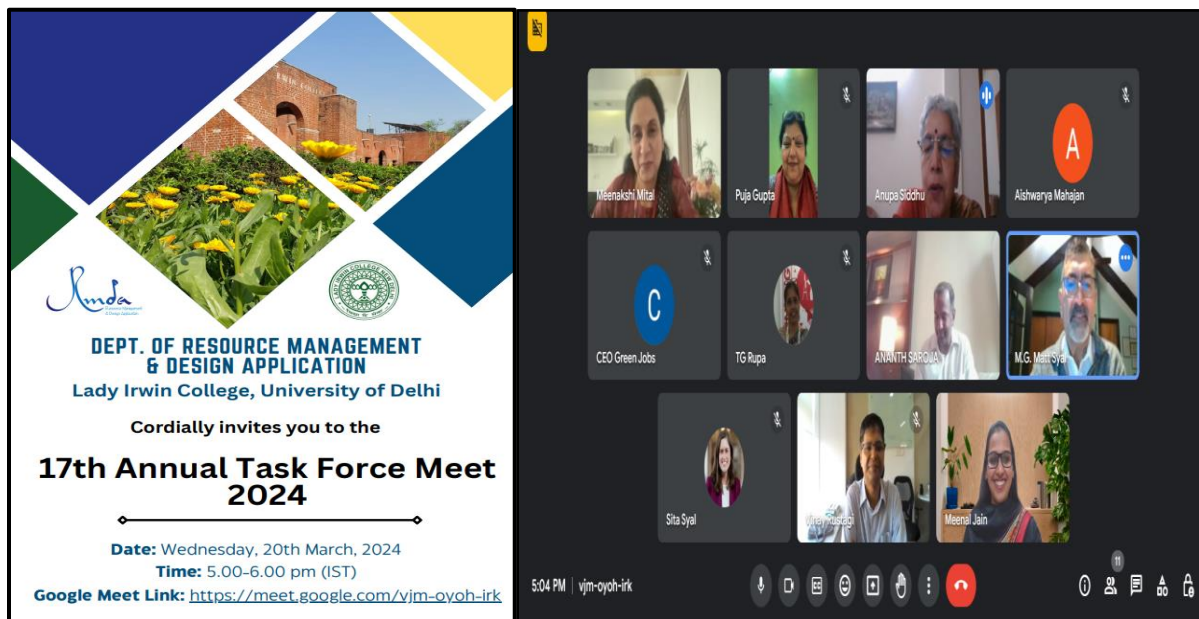
Department Founders Day is observed annually in September. The occasion is commemorated by current students, faculty, retired faculty, alumni, and non-teaching personnel.



3. Taskforce Meet

The Task Force was founded in 2007-08 and serves as an advisory body for the department, providing it with industry input and academic expertise. It is comprised up of distinguished individuals from the fields

of sustainable habitat, product design, green buildings, space planning, and environmental management. The task force convenes formally once a year. Throughout the year, the department's faculty communicates with the task force members. The task force has frequently played a major role in curriculum development, giving special lectures and symposia, completing projects, doing research in current areas, and providing internships and placements. Over the years, the department has conducted a number of collaborative researches, both doctorate and master's, with professionals from the task force serving as supervisors.



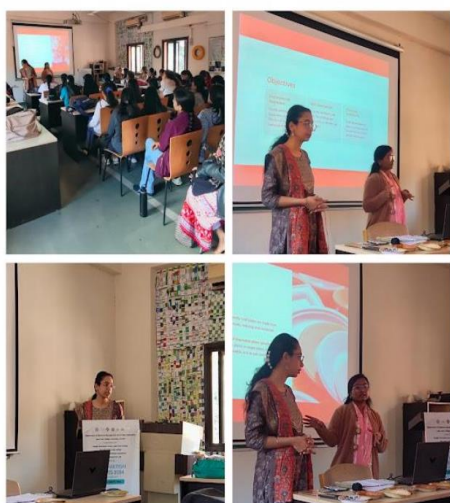
4. Annual Symposium on Sustainable Development

Since 2007-08, the department, in collaboration with the School of Planning, Design, and Construction at Michigan State University, USA, has annually hosted its symposium on sustainable development. This initiative receives financial backing from various entities such as the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Services Limited, both under the Government of India, as well as the Ministry of Power and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL). The symposium aims to educate stakeholders on crucial environmental issues and promote awareness. It serves as a pivotal platform uniting academia, industry, government, and non-governmental organizations to advance skill development, employability, outreach, research, and innovations in sustainable development. Over the last fifteen years, the annual symposium has successfully gathered notable speakers from diverse sectors of environmental management and sustainable development, including but not limited to green buildings, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. Distinguished individuals from industry, government, and academia have contributed as speakers in these symposia, such as 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, and Dr. Arunabha Ghosh. These speakers have represented esteemed organizations, both governmental and private, including the 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), among others.

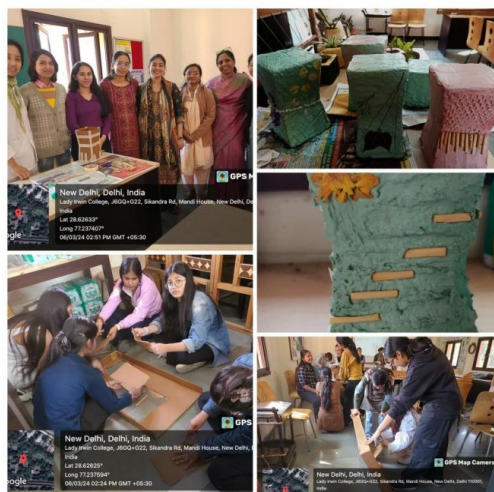


5. National Innovation series

The department annually hosts National Innovation Day, inviting submissions on diverse themes such as plastic-o-thon and waste to wealth. Competitive activities encompass the conceptualization and prototyping of ideas. Typically scheduled during January-February, the event draws participants from Lady Irwin College and various deemed universities in the city.



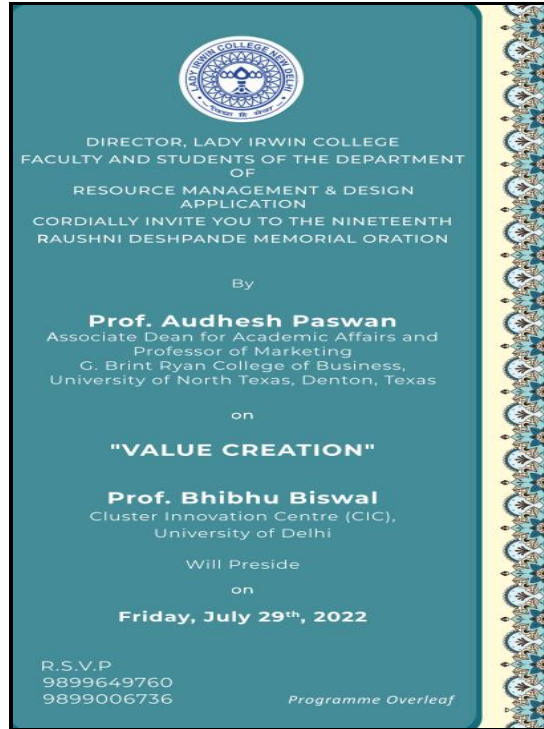
Leaf plate making session in progress conducted by the DIC team



Students actively engaged in developing vases using cardboard and egg crate, session led by Ms. Anmol Yadav, Design Alumnus of the Department and the DIC team

6. Raushni Deshpande Memorial Oration

The Raushni Deshpande Memorial Oration, an annual lecture series, was established during the academic year 1999-2000 in honor of Ms. Raushni Deshpande, the former Director of Lady Irwin College. This prestigious event has featured distinguished speakers such as Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Vibhuti Patel, Dr. Arun Kumar, Dr. Mary P. Andrews, Mr. Ashok B. Lall, Prof. Bhibhu Biswal (CIC), Dr. Abdul Wahid Khan, Dr. S. Y. Quraishi have all given outstanding lectures on the topics of sustainable development, social change, value creation and many more.. These individuals are renowned academicians, practitioners, activists, and administrators actively involved in addressing matters related to sustainable development and social transformation.



7. Educational visits and trips

The department regularly arranges educational visits to a variety of organizations aligned with its areas of expertise, including the Centre for Science and Environment, the Paper Recycling Unit of the Airports Authority of India, the National Institute for Solar Energy, TERI, IIT-Delhi, the Indian Pollution Control Association, the Crafts Museum, Dilli Haat, Waste to wonder park and the Renewable Energy Expo. These visits play a pivotal role in enabling students to comprehend topics such as wastewater treatment, paper recycling, solar technology, vernacular architecture, and resource mapping of historical sites, thereby providing valuable insights into different typologies.



departments, and Rock Garden (Chandigarh). During these visits, students are exposed to various facets of sustainability and design, including effluent treatment plants, vernacular architecture, waste-to-wealth initiatives, rainwater harvesting systems, and photovoltaic installations, among others. Moreover, students have had the opportunity to visit a rural area known as Mini Israel, where they gained insights into the operations and functionality of solar water pumps, sustainable agricultural practices like drip irrigation, mulching sheets, the use of polyhouses, humidifiers, and more. These field trips not only enhance students' learning experiences but also offer them a rejuvenating break from the college environment.



II. WORKSHOPS/ SEMINARS

Sr.no.	Workshops/Seminars	Date
1.	Workshop on Google Sketchup	June 5-7, 2024
2.	E-Waste Awareness program in collaboration with ATTERO	March 19, 2024
3.	Innovation Series 2024 ; Workshops on leaf plate making, product development from waste materials, and compost making were held, emphasizing environmental consciousness and practical skills.	2024, March 5 th to 15 th
4.	Blended Capacity Building Programme for stakeholders of River Ganga Phase II	February 13, 2024
5.	Workshop on Landscaping Ideas using Waste – Coco Planters in collaboration with the Design Innovation Centre (DIC)	12 th February, 2024
6.	Workshop on " Skill & Talent Acquisition ".	October 12, 2023.
7.	Workshop on ' Search Engine Optimization '.	30 th October 2023
8.	A special lecture- Reflections on The Research Process	25 th October, 2023
9.	Workshop on Financial Planning and Investment Avenues Program	On 19 th October, 2023

10.	Workshop on awareness generation program on AIR POLLUTION	17 th October, 2023
11.	Workshop on Stress Management	18 th October, 2023
12.	Workshop ' Financial Empowerment through Wealth Creation '	13 th October 2023
13.	Seminar on ' Search Engine Optimization ' for SEC course under NEP	24th June, 2023
14.	Design and development workshops on toy design for edutainment & edutainment	September 2021 to March 2023
15.	Working with local artisans / Craftsperson for product enhancement and improve sale ability (potters in Uttam Nagar, Ghaziabad & Gurugram; brass metal & Meenakari workers in Moradabad; iron metal street workers, kalamkari & madhubani workers in Delhi, designing games for children using Indian art & craft, etc.).	August 2019 to May 2023
16.	Training in Painting & Waste Reuse for International Abilympics Competition at Metz, France 2023 (of a PwD student - hearing impaired) by Prof. Sushma Goel, Prof. T G Rupa, Dr. Surbhi Chitkara, Ms. Tashi Gupta, Ms. Anmol Yadav.	March 2020 to March 2023.
17.	Workshop cum Seminar on ' Search Engine Optimization (SEO) for Digital Marketing '	16 th January' 2023
18.	Workshop on ' Prototyping of Concepts - Cardboard Moulds Prototyping ' by expert Mr. Mohan Sharma	January 2023

19.	Workshop on ‘ Patent Drafting, Filing & Prosecution in India & Globally ’ by experts Mr. Vivek Singh, IP Sagacious, Dr. Shweta Sharma, IP Sagacious, Mr. Abin T Sam, IP Sagacious, Mr. Samaksh Verma, IP Sagacious	29 June-4 July 2022
20.	Workshop on scope of design with Pearl Academy A workshop was held at Pearl Academy for B.Sc. students to understand the scope of design related fields	April, 2020
21.	Workshop on Tray Garden A workshop was organized on developing miniature gardens and table tops fountains for Postgraduate students in the department	February, 2019
22.	TERI-NCSTC Eco WASH Educator Fellowship	2018-2019
23.	Workshop on Wood Product Design A workshop was held for designing and making lifestyle products from waste wood	October 2018 to February 2019
24.	Workshop on Candle Packaging Design A workshop was held with NAAZ Foundation, focusing on designing candle packages and suggesting ways for better marketing of products	January to April, 2019
25.	Workshop on Pottery 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mask making • Terracotta Clay animals 	March, 2019

WEBINARS

S.No.	WEBINARS	Resource person(s)	Date
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1.	Webinar on 'CSR: Current Trends & Opportunities'	Ms. Gayatri Subramaniam, Director, Association of Women in Business, Former Chief Programme Executive, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India,	23 rd May' 2023
2.	Webinar cum Pre-placement Orientation	Mr. Vinay Rustagi (Managing Director) and Ms. Neha Makol (Assistant Manager – Consultancy), Bridge to India	22 nd March' 2023.
3.	Webinar on 'Design your own career'	Mr. Sunil Sharma, Partner, Kickstart	September 13, 2020
4.	Webinar on 'Documentation (File Editing, compression and conversion)'	Mr. Sanjay Sharma, Creative Head, 361 DigiAds	August 8, 2020
5.	Webinar on 'Composting: Cost effective alternative for home'	Ms. Samidha Bansal, Founder, Green Karma	August 6, 2020
6.	Webinar on 'Entrepreneurship: Opportunities and nuances in the contemporary scenario'	Dr. Shashank Vashistha Director, Armagro Solutions	July 25, 2020
7.	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
8.	Webinar on 'CSR: The New Corporate Essential'	Ms. Gayatri Subramaniam, Director, Association of Women in Business	July 23, 2020
9.	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
10.	Webinar on 'Marketing 2.0: Digital Disruption'	Ms. Tanya Gupta, Group Head, Media & Buying, Interpublic Group	July 21, 2020

11.	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
12.	Webinar on 'Green Elements in an Institutional Evolution, Auditing with upgrade'	Prof. Ajit Seshadri, Chairman & Head, The Vigyan Vijay Foundation	July 18, 2020
13.	Webinar on 'Designers and Automation: Evolving relationship in present times'	Sageer Shaikh, Sr. Business Analyst, BuildTrack	June 15, 2020
14.	Webinar cum workshop on 'Linkedin for Career Development'	Dr. Charvi Mehta, Technical Expert, GIZ	June 12, 2020
15.	Webinar on 'Individual solution to Plastic Pollution'	Ms. Richa Malik, Founder, The Happy Turtle	May 29, 2020
16.	Webinar on 'Launching and managing a successful startup'	Mr. Rohit Sharma, Business Head & Co-Founder, Pankh	May 26, 2020
17.	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
18.	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
19.	Webinar cum workshop on 'Resume Writing'	Dr. Charvi Mehta, Technical Expert, GIZ	May 15, 2020
20.	Webinar on 'Sustainability in Accessory Design'	Ms. Soumya Suresh and Ms. Pratima Sinha, Founders Nurture India & Ms. Anchal Mital, Founder Brandless	May 15, 2020
21.	Webinar on 'Waste management practices: Concerns and issues in present context'	Mr. Ashish Jain, Director Indian Pollution Control Association	May 15, 2020
22.	Webinar on 'Plastic: A Global Pollutant'	Mr. Satish Sinha, Associate Director, Toxics Link	May 14, 2020

23.	Webinar on '2020, the Age of Realization?'	Ms. Ranjita Menon, Programme Director, Environment Education, Centre for Science and Environment	May 12, 2020
24.	Webinar on 'Industry interface for sustainable design'	Mr. Ratan Kumar Jha, Zonal Head CTS North, JK Cement Ltd.	May 11, 2020