

**Activities undertaken in the year 2015-2016
by The CEEC and Interact**

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- 1. Environment Festival 2015:** The students organised the Annual Inter-School Environment Festival in August 2015, which comprised of various events aimed at sensitising Delhi's youth towards the environmental crisis of today. The grand event witnessed enthusiastic participation; over 100 students from 15 schools participated. The occasion was graced by Professor Alok Sharma of Jawahar Lal Nehru University as the chief guest.
- 2. Transition Campaign:** DPS Vasant Kunj was among the three schools from Delhi to be selected for the Transition Campaign initiated by The Energy Resources Institute (TERI) in collaboration with Tetra-Pak on the basis of its innovative idea to accelerate waste recycling. The project was awarded "The Most Innovative Campaign" prize nationally, a choice from four hundred other partner-TERI schools, for its novelty and efficacy. Collection of recyclables was conducted throughout the year.
- 3. Climate EduXchange Project (Saarathi):** Delhi Public School Vasant Kunj was selected from amongst ten other schools from all over Delhi-NCR, for being part of the Climate EduXchange Global Givings Project (Saarathi), sponsored by DELL. As a mentor school, we adopted two NGO-run schools i.e. Bal Vikas Dhara and Sshrishti both of which are situated in Kishangarh and regularly went to these schools to aid the underprivileged students with their school studies and extra-curricular activities. We shall soon establish a library each in these schools by organising book collection drives.

4. **Disney's Friends for Change:** The Disney Friends For Change Competition invites schools from all over India to adopt and transform a neighbourhood park, giving them the opportunity to create an eco-friendly and sustainable space for the community. Four schools from all over the country were selected. For the same, DPS Vasant Kunj was amongst the schools chosen. Diya Kundu (XI-I) and Namanyay Goel (XII-C) presented our idea, through an on-the-spot presentation.



We were subsequently awarded a grant of Rs. 4 Lakh for building this park according to the proposed layout.

5. **STEP:** Diya Kundu (XI-I) was selected for the esteemed National STEP Youth Leadership Programme, conducted by the TERI University and Tetra Pak. 35 students from all over India were selected for this project, on the basis of their resumes, essays and personal interviews. They attended a fully sponsored leadership development camp held at Goa for 5 days. Later, they were expected to carry out a TERI and TetraPak sponsored project in their communities that promotes environmental and social sustainability.



6. **Inter-School Competitions:** The school participated in the various annual Environment Fests hosted by DPS R K Puram, DPS Mathura Road and The Shri Ram School Aravali. At DPS RK Puram, the students won the Jury's Appreciation Award in the Dramatics event. We also won the Special Jury's Award for the dance. At DPS Mathura Road, the students won the First Prize in the dance competition, the Third Prize in Eco-Zoid and the Jury's Award in Treasure Hunt. At the Kids for Tigers' Fest held at The Shri Ram School Aravali, the students won the First Prize in the Photography competition, First Prize in the Face-painting competition and the Third Prize in the Rangoli making competition



7. **Wipro Project:** The students of DPS Vasant Kunj participated in the National Wipro Earthian Challenge conducted by Wipro National. The project had two themes: Water and Biodiversity. For the project, they thoroughly examined the sustainability practices adopted in their school and residential communities. Under the project, the school proposed new interventions with respect to preserving and fostering water and biodiversity resources.
8. **CBSE National Education Day:** DPS vasant Kunj showcased the social entrepreneurship "Aleeyah" for the National Education Day Competition hosted by the Central Board of Secondary Education. Aleeyah is a Non-Profit enterprise that makes products out of bamboo – such as folders, baskets and pencil stands; the school, in turn, helps in selling these

products and thus also assists in providing job opportunities to the workers. The competition sought to recognise and appreciate social work being done by school students and the initiative was awarded the 4th prize at the North Zone Level.

9. **Microsoft 'Create To Inspire':** DPS Vasant Kunj conducted the Microsoft "Create To Inspire" Campaign in collaboration with the NGO I-Dream between April and September 2015 for the second year in a row. Eight topics were selected out of the many provided for the 6-month program. Some of these were "Turn OFF, Save ON", "Organic Food: Good For You, Good For The Earth", an e-waste collection drive. The school was appointed as a Nodal School for the program and has been a lead school ever since. DPS Vasant Kunj's efforts towards waste-collection were widely appreciated as we collected the maximum amount of E-Waste.
10. **Olympiads:** Various national Olympiads such as the Global Science Olympiad, EduHeal Olympiad, WWF Olympiad, Cricket Olympiad, Saviour's Olympiad, and the Green Olympiad were organised in the school for the students of Classes VI-XI. Naman Ahuja of class 9F was the National Level qualifier from DPS Vasant Kunj. Kavya Chopra of VIII-C qualified the 3rd Level of the Edu-Heal Science Olympiad. She won a membership at the British Council, New Delhi and is required to complete a project to be showcased in the Google Science Fair.