

INTERACT ACHIEVEMENTS 2021-22

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Last year, Covid-19 was a major struggle.

Many students were not able to afford devices to attend online classes. The students collected funds through different fundraisers and provided the underprivileged students with devices and access to an internet connection to ensure their education continued even amidst the pandemic.

Our school collaborated with the University of Essex and we succeeded in distributing 45 phones to the underprivileged, which included children of housekeepers, drivers, and daily wage workers. Our club made sure that these children were not deprived of their education in those difficult times.

We observed that there was a lot of misinformation about Covid that was being circulated and people were not able to access vital resources. Hence, we collaborated with 'The UNCUT Team' and created the largest nationwide COVID resources database (with live updates) during the second wave to help people obtain information about vital medical and food resources.

150+ volunteers worked together to target all states and UTs to help provide life-saving information to the people.

We reached upwards of 100K individuals via the database and website and helped more than 900 individuals via a text message helpline. The Uncut Team was featured by Channel News Asia, The Indian Express, and The Hindu amongst others for their contribution and work.

The Interact Club also contributed a donation to Khushiyaan Foundation to help people of rural areas of Uttarakhand during the tough times of the second

wave of Covid-19. The donation was used to provide people with resources like life-saving medicines, hospital beds, and oxygen cylinders.

The Interact Club organized several fundraisers to help those in need.

In collaboration with 'The Uncut Team', our school, organized a virtual fundraiser concert on the 26th of June to raise money for Covid Relief. The fundraiser went live on 13th June 2021 at noon and in the span of just two weeks, we managed to raise upwards of 2 lakh rupees.

The money went to various organizations that were working for covid relief and individuals who were gravely affected during the pandemic.

A sum of Rs 40,000 was donated to Bal Vikas Dhara so that they could buy electronics for online school for underprivileged students.

A sum of Rs 40,000 was given to Sawhney Foundation for the construction of a school for underprivileged students with learning disabilities.

A sum of Rs 40,000 was given for buying oxygen concentrators for Manav Saarthi.

A sum of Rs 36,000 was spent on organizing six 'Food Distribution Drives'.

The Interact club of Delhi Public School Vasant Kunj organized six food distribution drives.

The first drive conducted on 3rd June successfully took place in the Jai Hind Colony where food was distributed to around 200 people.

The second drive conducted on 18th June near a metro station in West Delhi was successful in providing food to 110 people

The third drive was conducted on 21st June in E2 colony which covered 200 people for the distribution of food. The fourth food drive was conducted on 9th of July.

The fifth food drive was conducted on 12th July and the sixth food drive was conducted on 20th July.

The Interact Club also organized a donation drive for the Blind Relief Association, Delhi, in collaboration with the Rotary Club Vasant Kunj. The Interact Club volunteered to help the visually impaired by providing funds to the organization.

Funds were collected through donations with the use of online platforms through which the Club managed to collect Rs 22,000.

This amount was transferred to the Blind Relief Association on 30th November 2021.

The Interact Club also donates ration worth Rs 8000 to the Old Age Home, Saathi every month.

The Club also funds the salary for a teacher and sanitary napkins for the schools our club has adopted. These funds are provided by our interact club in charge, Ms. Adita Saxena.

Model Conference of Parties-1 (MCOP-1)

WWF-India in collaboration MoEFCC (NBA), United Nations Development Programme UNDP, UNEP, CEE-India, IUCN, *FLEDGE* organized the Model Conference of Parties-1 (MCOP-1), a digital conference on nature conservation for students across India. This was the first-ever of its kind to commemorate the International Day for Biodiversity (22nd May) and to celebrate the declaration of the year 2020 as 'The Super Year For Biodiversity'.

MCOP-1 held on 22nd May and 23rd May 2020 was a two-day event for which two students were selected from every state and union territory (excluding Lakshadweep) to represent their State/UT at the National level and further these students collectively represented India at the International level.

Under Ms. Adita Saxena's guidance, Vatsal Sharma and Tia Garg from Delhi Public School, Vasant Kunj represented Delhi state at the National and International levels.

Governor's Award (27 th June 2021)

Last year was a year of recognizing the amazing commitment and resilience of social workers during incredibly challenging times. The Governor's Award is presented to interactors who did outstanding work during the last 12 months and turned their focus towards supporting people to reconnect and to move forward from their experiences during the pandemic.

Brahm Ahuja has received the Governor's Award for convening his vision into reality during these unprecedented times and for being a member of the most effective council over the years. He was honoured during the Rotary District Thanksgiving Function on 27th June 2021.

Students were sensitised about the environment and important social events. Several webinars and competitions were held on significant days such as Earth Day, Earth Hour, and awareness was raised to celebrate festivals like Holi and Diwali in an eco-friendly manner.

1) Webinar on 'HOW TO BUILD A SCHOLARSHIP WORTHY PROFILE' by Mr. Abhishek Gupta from High School Moms.

High School Moms is one of the fastest-growing parent-teenage communities. This session was conducted on 15th January 2022 for classes 9th to 12th on how to build a scholarship-worthy profile and guidance towards a great career.

2) Webinar on 'HOW TO CURB UNREALISTIC BEAUTY STANDARDS' by Ms. Maitreyi Bhat from Natural is Beautiful Foundation.

Speaker: Ms. Maitreyi Bhat

Natural is Beautiful Foundation (NiB) is a Pune, Maharashtra-based NGO active since January 2020. Its mission is to increase mental health awareness and curb societal beauty standards. This session was conducted on 29th January 2022 for classes 7th to 12th on how to curb unrealistic beauty standards.

3) Webinar on 'CASH FOR TRASH', by Eco club of Gargi College

In this webinar, students were informed about composting, segregating waste, and much more about the environment. They organized a quiz and a fashion competition and rewarded the winners with ITC gift hampers. This session was conducted on 5th February 2022 for classes 4th to 12th.

4) Webinar on 'IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING PAPER WORKSHOP' by Greensphere, the eco society of Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women

This session was conducted on 12th February 2022 for classes 6th to 12th to make students aware of the benefits of recycled paper through social media campaigning.

The year 2021 marked the 51st anniversary of the annual celebrations. The theme for Earth Day 2021 was 'Restore Our Earth'. The members of the Environment Council and Interact Club prepared an online assembly with the sole purpose of spreading awareness on Earth Day. The video was uploaded by WWF on their website.

On May 1, 2022, we held a workshop for Classes 6 and 7 on the 'Save Soil' Movement. The 'Save Soil' Movement is a global movement that aims to bring policy changes at the national level in countries across the world in order to reverse soil degradation. The session highlighted the importance of soil conservation to ensure that future generations can live comfortably on this planet. The session was held by the volunteers from the 'Save Soil' movement, including an alumnus from DPS Vasant Kunj. The workshop was successful in creating a conscious set of youngsters who are ready to join the drive of saving our planet.

Our club also makes videos on important environmental and social issues which are circulated amongst the students of our school to sensitise them. We organised several fun activities like poster making, story, and essay writing, waste segregation, slogan writing, and poster making on topics related to environmental and social issues.

Our club has been working hard throughout the year and will continue to work the same way in the coming year. We hope you all keep supporting us the same way as always so we can keep making a difference in the world.