

ANNUAL REPORT
VASUNDHARA GREEN CLUB
Academic Year 2023–2024

Dayanand College of Law, Latur, launched the Vasundhara Green Club on 14 August 2023 within the college premises. The Club was established with the aim of creating environmental awareness among students and encouraging their active participation in environmental protection, conservation of natural resources and sustainable development.

The establishment of the Club marked the beginning of the College's organised efforts towards building a greener, cleaner and environmentally responsible campus. Through various awareness programmes, plantation activities, cleanliness drives, competitions, lectures and community-oriented initiatives, the Club seeks to develop environmental sensitivity and responsible habits among students.

As a law college, the institution also recognises the close connection between environmental protection, constitutional duties, human rights, public health and social justice. The Vasundhara Green Club therefore aims to combine environmental awareness with practical action and responsible citizenship.

The Vasundhara Green Club was formally inaugurated on 13 August 2023 at Dayanand College of Law, Latur. The inauguration was graced by the esteemed Principal, Dr. Poonam Nathani, whose guidance and encouragement marked the beginning of the College's journey towards a greener and more sustainable future.

During the inauguration, students were informed about the purpose, objectives and proposed activities of the Club. They were encouraged to participate actively in programmes relating to environmental awareness, tree plantation, cleanliness, biodiversity conservation, waste management and sustainable practices.

The inauguration created enthusiasm among students and provided a formal platform for organising environmental activities throughout the academic year 2023–2024.

Objectives of the Vasundhara Green Club

1. To create awareness among students regarding environmental protection and sustainable development.
2. To promote cleanliness, greenery and an eco-friendly atmosphere on the college campus.
3. To encourage students to participate in plantation drives, cleanliness campaigns and environmental awareness programmes.
4. To spread awareness regarding the conservation of water, energy, forests, wildlife and other natural resources.
5. To reduce the use of single-use plastic and promote environmentally friendly alternatives etc.
6. To educate students about environmental laws, policies, constitutional provisions and citizens' duties towards nature.

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लातूर : महाराष्ट्र शासन, यूनीसेफ यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने दयानंद विधी महाविद्यालयात वसुंधरा ग्रीन क्लब स्थापन करण्यात आला. त्या निमित्ताने आयोजित करण्यात आलेल्या कार्यक्रमात प्राचार्य नाथानी बोलत होत्या. पाण्याची बचत, नैसर्गिक स्रोत संरक्षण आणि संवर्धनासाठी विधी महाविद्यालयातील विद्यार्थ्यांनी ग्रीन क्लब चे माध्यमातून प्रयत्न करावेत असे आवाहन त्यांनी केले.

ग्रीन क्लब चे उद्घाटन प्राचार्य नाथानी यांच्या हस्ते करण्यात आले. विधी महाविद्यालयाचे राष्ट्रीय सेवा योजनेचे कार्यक्रमाधिकारी प्रा. उमेश काटीकर यांनीही विद्यार्थ्यांना मार्गदर्शन केले. वसुंधरा ग्रीन क्लब चे समन्वयक प्रा. शामराव पाटील, प्रा. प्रिया पाटील, प्रा. ममता पारीख, प्रा. महादू कुरे,



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होऊन सर्वांनी यासाठी प्रयत्न करावेत असे महाविद्यालयाच्या वतीने आवाहन करण्यात आले.

Constitution of the Vasundhara Green Club Committee

The Vasundhara Green Club Committee of Dayanand College of Law, Latur, was formally constituted for the academic year 2023–2024 through an office order dated 14 August 2023.

The Committee was established to plan, coordinate and implement various environmental awareness, conservation and sustainability-related activities within the College and the wider community. It included faculty coordinators and student representatives entrusted with responsibilities relating to leadership, campaigns and documentation.

The constitution of the Committee was approved by Dr. Poonam Nathani, I/C Principal, Dayanand College of Law, Latur.

Composition of the Committee

Mr. Shamrao Patil – Faculty Coordinator

Dr. Mamta Pareek – Faculty Coordinator

Mr. Sohef Sayyad – President (Youth)

Ms. Aishwarya Kulkarni – Vice-President (Youth)

Mr. Umesh Solanke – Coordinator (Campaign)

Mr. Saniya Deshmukh – Coordinator (Documentation)

Activities

1) Eco-Friendly Rakhi-Making Workshop

The Vasundhara Green Club of Dayanand College of Law, Latur, in collaboration with the Latur Green Vruksh Team, organised an Eco-Friendly Rakhi-Making Workshop for students on 28 August 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in Hall No. 103.

The objective of the workshop was to create awareness among students about environmentally sustainable celebrations and to encourage the use of biodegradable and plant-based materials. During the workshop, students were guided in making eco-friendly rakhis using natural ingredients such as Tulsi seeds and other plant seeds.

These rakhis were completely harmless to the environment, biodegradable and plantable. After use, they could be planted in the soil, allowing the embedded seeds to grow into plants. The activity conveyed the message that traditional festivals can be celebrated in an environmentally responsible manner without causing harm to nature.

A total of 94 students actively participated in the workshop. The programme received an enthusiastic response and helped students understand the importance of adopting sustainable alternatives in daily life.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. Mamta Pareek, Prof. P. P. Patil and Mr. Sohef Sayyad.

Outcome of the Activity

The workshop promoted creativity, environmental awareness and sustainable festival practices among students. It encouraged participants to replace non-biodegradable decorative materials with natural, eco-friendly and plantable alternatives.



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Workshop on Ecofriendly Rakhi Making

jointly organized by

**Green Club & Green Latur
Vruksha Team**









2) Digital Water Conservation Initiative through the “Why Waste?” App

The Vasundhara Green Club of Dayanand College of Law, Latur, organised a digital water-conservation activity by encouraging students to download and use the “Why Waste?” mobile application.

The primary objective of the activity was to create awareness among students about the unnecessary wastage of water and motivate them to adopt practical water-saving habits in their daily lives. The application enabled students to understand and monitor their individual water consumption and record the amount of water saved through simple conservation practices.

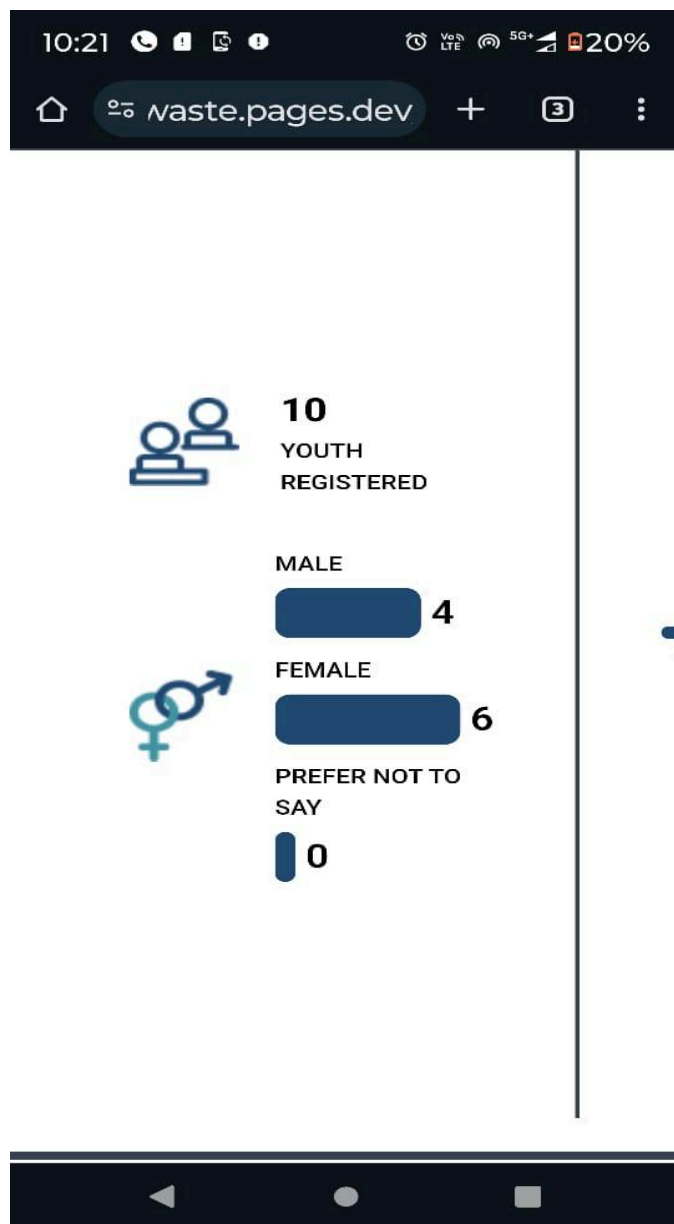
The faculty coordinators guided students regarding the use of the application and encouraged them to regularly track their water-saving efforts. Through online monitoring, students became aware of how much water they used and how much they could conserve each day by making small behavioural changes.

Students were encouraged to reduce water wastage while brushing, bathing, washing utensils, cleaning vehicles and performing other routine activities. They were also motivated to reuse water wherever possible and to spread awareness about water conservation among their family members and friends.

The activity used digital technology to make water conservation measurable, interactive and personally relevant to students. The Why Waste? initiative is associated with youth-led water-conservation efforts and includes a mobile application designed to help users understand and manage their water usage.

Outcome of the Activity

The activity increased awareness among students regarding their personal water footprint and encouraged them to adopt responsible water-use practices. Regular monitoring through the application motivated students to save water consistently and understand that small individual actions can collectively contribute to the conservation of valuable water resources.



3) Completion of the Youth Leadership for Climate Action Course

The Vasundhara Green Club of Dayanand College of Law, Latur, encouraged students to register for and complete the online Youth Leadership for Climate Action course offered through the Maharashtra Youth for Climate Action (MYCA) initiative.

Maharashtra Youth for Climate Action is a youth-focused platform developed with the participation of the Government of Maharashtra, UNICEF Maharashtra, the Centre for Environment Education and other development partners. It aims to develop climate awareness and leadership among young people and encourage their participation in environmental conservation.

The online self-paced course covers important environmental themes such as:

- A. Climate change
- B. Water conservation and management
- C. Energy conservation
- D. Biodiversity
- E. Waste management
- F. Sustainable lifestyles
- G. Youth participation in climate action

The faculty coordinators of the Vasundhara Green Club informed students about the course and guided them through the registration and completion process. Students were encouraged to complete all the prescribed modules and assessments available on the online platform.

A significant number of students from Dayanand College of Law successfully completed the course and received course-completion certificates. The initiative helped students understand the causes and

consequences of climate change and the role that young people can play in protecting the environment.

Objective of the Activity

The objective of the activity was to improve climate literacy among students and develop environmentally responsible youth leaders capable of contributing to climate action at the institutional and community levels.

Outcome of the Activity

The activity increased students' understanding of climate change, water conservation, biodiversity, energy use and waste management. Successful completion of the online course also motivated students to adopt sustainable practices and participate actively in the environmental programmes organised by the Vasundhara Green Club.