

# Haritima-Environmental Awareness Society

## **About the Society:**

Duly recognized as one of the few registered societies of Hans Raj College, Haritima is a non-profitable club which has been spreading awareness among the youth about the most neglected issue of the century - the need for environmental conservation. Sensitizing the society towards environmental threats remains a primary objective for the members of this society.

Committed to enlightening the masses, Haritima has set its mark by organizing a range of successful events since its inception in 2006. To name a few of them - panel discussions on various environmental issues, webinars on waste management and water depletion, the annual flagship event Cyclothon, Prakriti Kumbh - the annual fest of Haritima and the regular cleanliness drives, and thus, Haritima proudly celebrates its 15 years long span of natural preservation.

**Convener name:** Ms. Kapila Mallah

## **Co-conveners and members (from the faculty), if any**

Dr. Sudesh Kumari

Dr. Chetana Jain

Mr. Arun Kumar

Dr. Pradeep Kumar

Dr. Mithuraaj Dhusiya

Mr. Arab Dasgupta

Dr. Dinesh Kumar Gautam

Dr. Manisha Verma

Mr. Sushil Kumar

Dr. Beauty Das

Dr. Sonal Sharma

## **Student members (with positions held )**

PRESIDENT - AYUSHI KASHYAP

CO-PRESIDENT- TUSHAR SHARMA

VICE-PRESIDENT - BHUMIKA VERMA

GENERAL SECRETARY - MANYA MISHRA

GENERAL SECRETARY - ANJALI KUMARI

JOINT SECRETARY - KARAN ASNANI

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR - PARTH CHATURVEDI

**Report of EVERY EVENT/workshop/seminar organized/participated in the Academic Year 20-21 (Chronology: latest to oldest) in the following lay out:**

**1. Adopt a Plant Challenge**

On 5 June 2020, on the occasion of World Environment Day Haritima launched a two month long virtual plantation drive 'Adopt a Plant' under the flagship project of 'Million More'. Students were asked to plant a seed/sapling, nurture it and click pictures of the process. The Challenge ended with fruitful results.

The virtual plantation drive saw active participation from students across different colleges which was highly appreciable.

**2. Webinar series**

A webinar series called "Climate Discussion" was introduced with an aim to create a dialogue around the accelerating issue of climate change. For the first webinar, Haritima in collaboration with Dr. Anish Vanaik, Associate Professor at Jindal Global University, conducted a webinar on 21st June at 5pm. The theme was "Global warming in societies of Carbon and Capitalism"

**3. Eco Talk**

EcoTalk was initiated that involved students engaging in an immersive conversation with some of India's most inspiring environmental activists. These online events provided an opportunity for students to directly interact with some of the most well informed individuals in their respective fields. First Eco Talk involved the students interacting with a well known student environmentalist and co-founder of The Yugma Network, Anjali Dalmia.

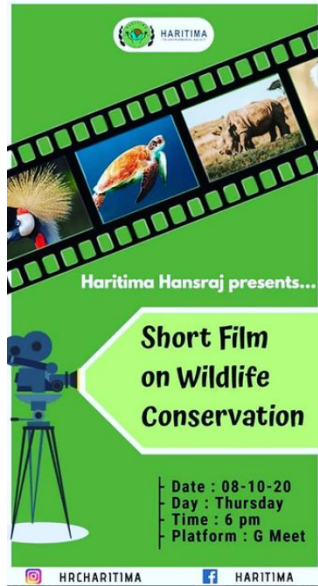
**4. Film Festival**

A two-day festival was organised from 12th to 13th September on the theme- Ecology and Sustainable Lifestyle, in collaboration with Vision: The media and Publication Society, Green Warriors club, Hopping Sparrows Film Festival( HSFF) and TERRA

The Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Festival Format was one of the sustainable ways of learning and gaining experience of lifetime. The DIY format of the film festival encourages creativity as well as organizational skills in host institution students.

**5. Film Screening**

On the occasion of World Wildlife Week, a short film screening was organised on 08/10/2020. Along with a film screening, a number of insightful posts, puzzles and quizzes, marked the celebration of the Wildlife Week 2020.



## 6. Webinar 2

Addressing the rapidly growing threat of Climate Change on the Indian subcontinent, a webinar was conducted on the theme “Assessing the Impact of Climate Change on Indian Climate and Adapting to Changing Patterns” . It was an engaging talk, certainly something everyone should be aware of in today's times.

It takes small effort from our side to prepare you for the future ahead!



## 7. Green Diwali

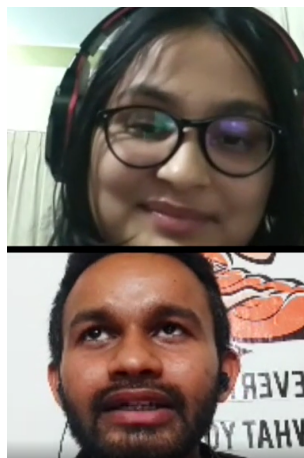
The society celebrated an eco-friendly Diwali. we pledged to go green  
We hosted a bunch of GREEN ACTIVITIES:

- GREEN GIFTS : Gift your loving ones a plant.
- GREEN RANGOLI : Make a natural and organic rangoli without any artificial items.
- GREEN DECORATION : Decorate your homes in an eco-friendly way.



## 8. Ecotalk 2

A second Ecotalk was conducted on 3rd February 2021. A provoking conversation took place with an all-rounder environmentalist Sagar Singh, aka MrEarth. Professor Sagar Singh is an inspiration to all. The world needs more people like him





## 9. Green Valentine

Green Valentine was conducted on the 14 of February as an activity to plant a tree with your loved one. Students were encouraged to plant or gift trees to their loved ones as an effort to spread awareness on the importance of planting more trees.



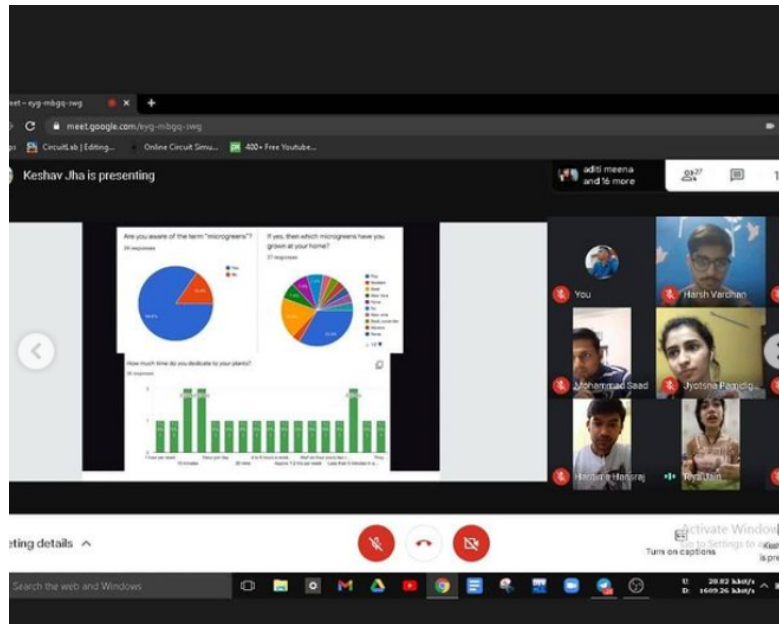
## 10. Webinar 3

Climate change is happening, humans are causing it, and this is perhaps the most serious environmental issue facing us. So we wished to learn about it and find the solution together. On this thought, Haritima conducted an engrossing session about “ The Six Sector Solution to Climate Change”. The online session was addressed by an eminent climate and environment advisor, Ms. Daljeet Kaur, Department of International Development (DFID) India. She not only highlighted the roadmap to six sector solutions ( transport, industry,etc.) but also mentioned the various policies and measures that the government is taking and can take for reducing global emissions. In the end, a short Q/A session was held in which the participants asked various questions on this burning issue.

In all, it was an insightful session which made people aware about this topical issue and the measures which can be taken regarding the same.

## 11. Million Ecotopians

An online presentation competition was conducted exclusively for the members of Haritima, that helped fuel innovation and research aptitude. It was held in the month of February in groups. The topics were varied; from the importance of bioenzymes, to microgreens.



## 12. Black and white photography competition

Haritima organised a webinar on the theme of "B&W photography" under the wing 'Frames' on 7th February. The webinar was followed by a photography contest, the best of the participants were rewarded and recognised on social media.

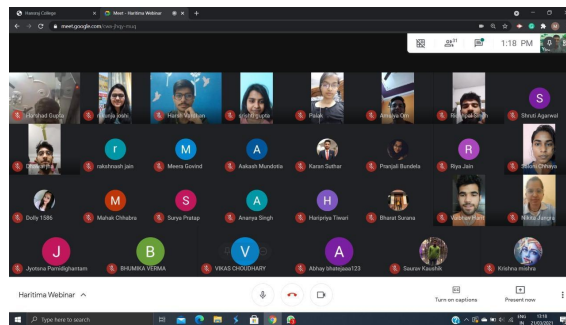


### 13. Waste Mangemnet webinar

Nowadays people know the price of everything but the value of nothing. We throw away 7.2 million tonnes of food everyday and more than half of it is perfectly edible! Biodegradable items in landfill also rot and decompose and produce methane which contributes to global warming.

To address this crucial issue , Haritima organized a webinar on “Waste Management” in collaboration with Ecochirp which will be addressed by Sustainability experts at Ecochirp Foundation, experienced in the field of waste management. The webinar was addressed by Harshad Gupta, sustainability expert from Ecochirp foundation. He not only enlightened us about the types of waste, the various schemes and policies that the government has taken for waste disposal but also highlighted the job opportunities in this sector for the youth. In the end, a short Q/A session was held in which the participants asked various questions on this pressing issue.

In conclusion, it was a lively and energetic session that helped us spread awareness about this topical issue and the job opportunities in this sector which motivated the youth to contribute their bit towards the burning issue.



### 14. Creative Contest

A creative contest was conducted wherein students could submit memes, doodles, poetry or slogan on the topics of Pollution, Global Warming or Biodiversity loss. Winners recieved exciting prices and recognition on social media handles.

