



Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams
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Sri Venkateswara College
(University of Delhi)
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SRI VENKATESWARA COLLEGE (UNIVERSITY OF DELHI)

EVENT REPORT

NAME OF THE EVENT: EK PED MAE KE NAAM (Plantation Drive at Kamla Nehru Ridge)			
DATE	DEPARTMENT	COMMITTEE/ SOCIETY	COORDINATORS' NAME
18 August 2026	N/A	Eco Club (Sri Venkateswara College) in collaboration with Garden Committee, University of Delhi	Prof. Rupam Kapoor (Convenor, Garden Committee, DU) Dr. Vinita Kapoor (Convenor, Eco Club, SVC)
TIME	VENUE	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	NATURE: Outdoor/Indoor; online/offline/hybrid
11:00 AM – 12:00 AM	Kamla Nehru Ridge (Northern Ridge), Delhi	11	Outdoor
FINANCIAL SUPPORT/ASSISTANCE (if any):	N/A		

BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTIVITY

TOPIC/SUBJECT OF THE ACTIVITY	'Ek Ped Mae Ke Naam' Off Campus Plantation and Habitat Restoration Drive at Kamla Nehru Ridge.
OBJECTIVES	- To extend environmental conservation and afforestation efforts beyond college boundaries into critical public ecosystems like the Kamla Nehru Ridge. - To combat urban heat island (UHI) effects, air pollution, and localized biodiversity loss by planting native flora. - To progressively replace aggressive invasive species like <i>Prosopis juliflora</i> (Vilayati Kikar) and restore the natural health of the Aravalli ridge ecosystem.

	To provide student volunteers with immersive, field-based ecological learning and hands-on conservation experience.
METHODOLOGY	Site Orientation & Briefing: Conducting on-site briefings regarding the ecological significance of the Ridge as a natural dust filter, groundwater recharge zone, and wildlife refuge. Targeted Species Selection: Planting hardy, native, indigenous saplings tailored to survive Delhi's dry, rocky terrain without heavy artificial irrigation. Specialized Pit Preparation: Digging through hard, stony ground and creating micro-catchments around saplings to harvest and retain rainwater. Mulching: Spreading dry fallen leaves around the base of the saplings to preserve soil moisture and minimize evaporation under direct sunlight.
INVITED SPEAKERS WITH AFFILIATION DETAILS (IF ANY)	N/A
OUTCOMES	- Successfully contributed to regional afforestation and habitat restoration on-ground at the Northern Ridge. - Fostered practical field understanding among Eco Club student volunteers regarding urban forest conservation and soil management. - Strengthened collaborative institutional outreach aligned with the University of Delhi, the Forest Department of NCT Delhi, and DDA environmental initiatives.

✓✓**PROOFS & DOCUMENTS ATTACHED (Tick mark the proofs attached):**

1 Notice & Letters 	2 Name & Number of Participants 	3 Video clip	4 Photos 	5 Feedback Form & analysis
6 News clip with details	7 Sample Copy of the Certificate	8 Posters/ Invites	9 Event report Attested by Event Coordinator & IQAC Coordinator 	10 Any other document

Departmental file no: SVC/ECO CLUB/2026-27ACTIVITY_04

IQAC File No: IQAC/ ECO CLUB / 2026-27/04

Criterion No: III, VII (*Research, Innovations & Extension; Institutional Values & Best Practices*)

NAME OF EVENT-INCHARGE: Prof. Rupam Kapoor (Convenor, Garden Committee
DU **& SIGNATURE:** Dr. Vinita Kapoor (Convenor, Eco Club,
SVC)

FACULTY RESPONSIBLE Dr. Vinita Kapoor, Pooja Gokhle Sinha
FOR THE EVENT:

Note: Please fill in your own details in places with red font

For Reference

Criterion I	Curricular Aspects (planning & Implementation)	Criteria on V	Student Support & Progression
Criterion II	Teaching Learning & Evaluation	Criteria on VI	Governance, Leadership & Management
Criterion III	Research, Innovations & Extension	Criteria on VII	Institutional Values & Best Practices
Criterion IV	Learning Resources and Infrastructure		

ACTIVITY REPORT

The nationwide campaign "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" (Plant a Tree in the Name of Mother) is a tribute that blends ecological responsibility with personal gratitude, encouraging individuals to nurture and protect trees with the devotion a mother gives to her child. In metropolitan centers like Delhi, urban ecosystems face persistent stressors like severe air pollution, urban heat island (UHI) effects, and biodiversity loss. Planting native flora helps through air purification, carbon sequestration, microclimate moderation, and creating urban biodiversity corridors.

The Kamla Nehru Ridge, an extension of the Aravalli range, functions as a natural dust filter, a groundwater recharge zone through fractured quartzite rocks, and a wildlife refuge. Because much of the Ridge is overrun by the invasive *Prosopis juliflora* (Vilayati Kikar), which drains groundwater and prevents native plants from growing, indigenous Aravalli species are planted to restore the forest's health.

On 18 August 2026, Eco Club faculty members and student volunteers from Sri Venkateswara College participated in an on-ground plantation and habitat restoration drive at the Kamla Nehru North Ridge under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative. The field execution involved:

- Planting hardy, native species suited to Delhi's dry, rocky terrain without heavy artificial irrigation.
- Preparing pits through hard, stony ground and creating micro-catchments to harvest and hold rainwater.
- Spreading dry fallen leaves as mulch around the base of the saplings to retain soil moisture and reduce evaporation.

NOTICE/LETTER



Registrar DU <registrar@du.ac.in>

Request to forward the attached letter to Principals of colleges, Plantation Drive on 18 August 2026.

1 message

Rupam Kapoor <kapoor_rupam@yahoo.com>

To: Registrar DU <registrar@du.ac.in>

Cc: bipintwarydu <bipintwarydu@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 12, 2026 at 5:40 AM

Dear Sir,

As part of the nationwide campaign to enhance green cover and promote environmental sustainability, a large-scale tree plantation initiative has been launched under the guidance of the Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah, and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi.

In furtherance of this initiative, the University of Delhi, in collaboration with the Forest Department, Government of NCT Delhi, is organizing a tree plantation drive at Kamla Nehru Ridge at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 August 2026. Students from the colleges of University of Delhi are expected to participate in this plantation drive.

It is requested that the content of the attached letter may kindly be emailed to all Principals of the colleges of the University of Delhi, requesting them to nominate and encourage students to participate in the **Plantation Drive**.

Thank you and best regards:

Rupam Kapoor

Chairperson, Garden Committee

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<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=2SaFX74AAAAJ&hl=en>

On Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 12:25:56 PM GMT+5:30, dclcentral-gnctd <dclcentral-gnctd@delhi.gov.in> wrote:

Sir,

Please find attached herewith the letter regarding scheduling a plantation programme in Kamla Nehru Ridge area under Mission 70 Lakh in Mega Plantation Drive 2026 along with the students of Delhi University. This is for kind information and necessary action.

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Subject: Nomination of Students and Faculty Member for Tree Plantation Drive at Kamla Nehru Ridge, 18 August 2026.

Dear Principal,

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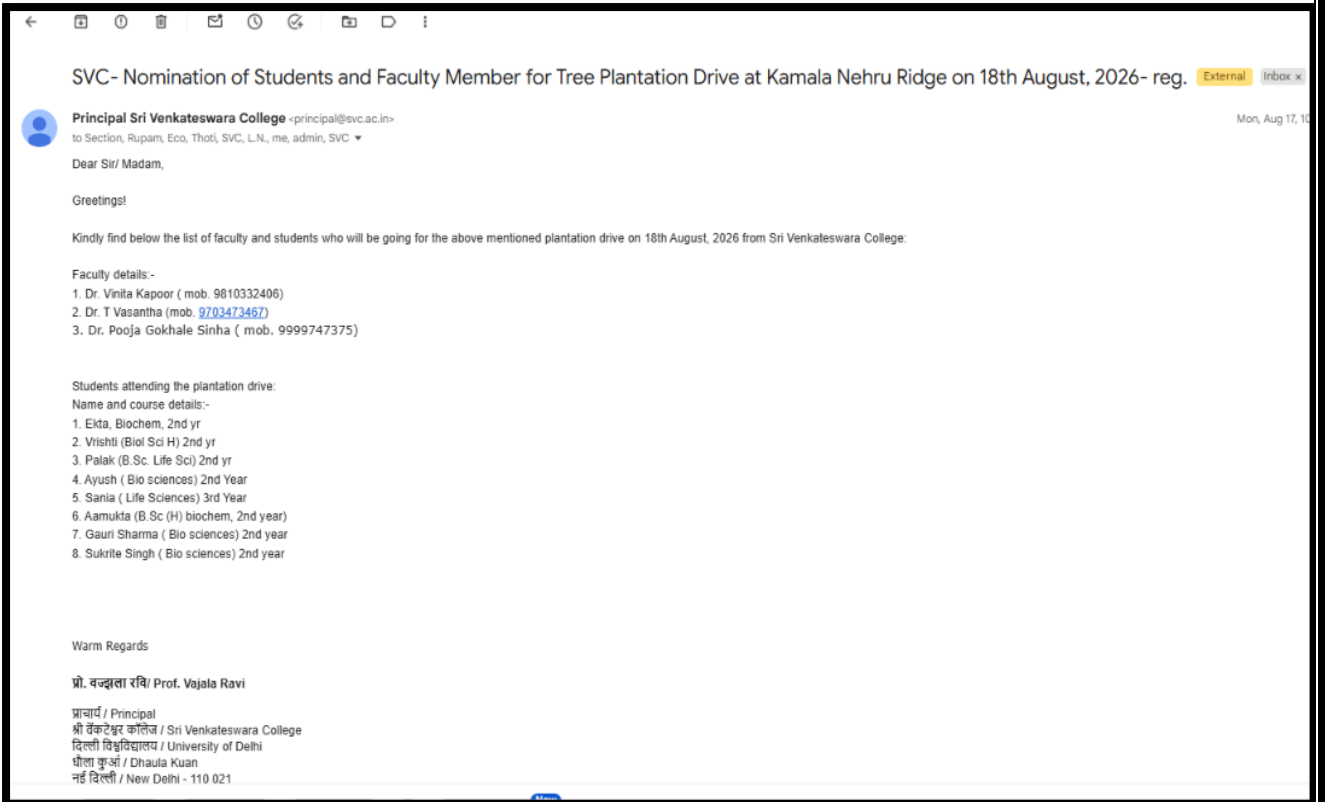
In furtherance of this initiative, the University of Delhi, in collaboration with the Forest Department, Government of NCT Delhi, is organizing a tree plantation drive at Kamla Nehru Ridge on Tuesday, 18 August 2026 at 11 a.m. **You are kindly requested to nominate 8-10 students along with one faculty member to participate.** Please share their names and contact details latest by 14th 12 noon to gardencommittee.du@gmail.com.

Should you need any further information, please feel free to contact **Mr. Suraj Dabas: 9999278080**.

The university looks forward to your enthusiastic participation.

With regards,

Registrar, DU



Faculty participants:

1. Dr. Vinita Kapoor
2. Dr. T Vasantha
3. Dr. Pooja Gokhale Sinha

Student participants:

Name and course details: -

1. Ekta, B.Sc (H) Biochemistry, 2nd year
2. Vrishti (Biological science Hons) 2nd year
3. Palak (B.Sc. Life Sci) 2nd year
4. Ayush (Biological science Hons) 2nd year
5. Sania (Life Sciences) 3rd year
6. Aamukta (B.Sc. (H) Biochemistry, 2nd year)
7. Gauri Sharma (Biological science Hons) 2nd year
8. Sukrite Singh (Biological science Hons) 2nd year

PHOTOS







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COMPLETION CERTIFICATE

यह प्रमाणित किया जाता है कि श्री वेंकटेश्वर कॉलेज की इको क्लब ने कमला नेहरू रिज में 'एक पेड़ माँ के नाम' वृक्षारोपण एवं पर्यावास पुनर्स्थापन अभियान ('Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Plantation & Habitat Restoration Drive at Kamla Nehru Ridge) में दिनांक 18 अगस्त 2026 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे से दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक ऑफलाइन मोड में सक्रिय सहभागिता एवं संचालन किया है तथा इस आयोजन की रिपोर्ट आंतरिक गुणवत्ता आश्वासन प्रकोष्ठ (IQAC) में अभिलेख हेतु प्रस्तुत कर दी गई है।

This is to certify that the **Eco Club** of Sri Venkateswara College has successfully participated in and conducted the '**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**' **Plantation and Habitat Restoration Drive at Kamla Nehru Ridge** on **18 August 2026**, from **11:00 AM to 12:00 PM** in the **Offline** mode and its event report has been submitted to Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) for records.

Event-in-Charge

Prof. Sharda Pasricha
IQAC Coordinator

Prof. Vajala Ravi
Principal