



INDRAPRASTHA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

Project Nidaan Report

- Department of English

Duration- 17th Feb -1st March

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Project Nidaan Daily Workplan : 17th Feb -1st March

The English Dept. decided on the following workplan with the student volunteers. The details are as follows:

Monitoring activities-

1. The students were put in pairs and monitored the dustbins around the college at one-two hour intervals depending on their timetables, from 9:30 am to 3:50 pm everyday.
2. They also undertook patrolling duties to monitor the college campus especially the canteen and classrooms to ensure that there was no littering and that wastes were being segregated properly.
3. They also sensitized students regarding waste segregation and Project Nidaan in the college during their monitoring activities and informed them of the placements of the various dustbins around the college.

Awareness activities-

1. The students made posters regarding waste management techniques such as segregation and disposal of various types of wastes, reduction of household wastes and alternatives available for non-biodegradable products. This was put up on the campus as well as sent to their fellow students and teachers. The same was also distributed to their friends and acquaintances outside of the college to maximize the information's reach.

Detailed Workplan.

Day 1- 17th Feb 2020 Monday

- A roster was drawn up detailing the dustbin monitoring duty as well as patrolling duties.
- Dustbin monitoring began at 10:30 am, continuing till 3:50 pm.
- Patrolling of the college campus took place at 11 am and 2 pm.
- The volunteers engaged students in the college campus about waste management practices.
- The student leaders (Chesta and Tejul) submitted an informal report of their activities as well as observations and suggestions to the teacher at the end of the day.
- Daily Report /Observation:

On the top floor of the New Academic Block, there was only one dustbin without any kind of label on it and all sorts of rubbish was being dumped in it. it was suggested that correctly labled dustbins be provided for all floors of the New Academic Block.





Day 2- 18th Feb 2020 Tuesday

- Morning meeting of the volunteers was held at 9:30 with the teacher and student volunteers regarding Sports Day duties. The students divided themselves in groups to monitor waste discarding especially in and around the sports field and canteen.
- Dustbin monitoring
- Patrolling
- Sensitization/ awareness activities
- Daily Report /Observation:

Most of the students and faculties were leaving the food packets on the seats while some were using the dustbins to throw the rubbish. However, there was no way to segregate and throw the contents of the food packets. Everything was being thrown into the dustbins and collected by the college sanitary workers.

The student volunteers picked them up and disposed of them.





Day 3- 19th Feb 2020 Wednesday

- Dustbin monitoring
- Patrolling
- Sensitization/ awareness activities
- Daily Report /Observation:
In the New Extension Block, general cleanliness was maintained. However, the bin in the washroom on the ground floor was overflowing. No separate bin was available for disposing of sanitary napkins. They were thrown with other wastes.

Day 4- 20th Feb 2020 Thursday

- Morning Meeting with the teacher and students
- Dustbin monitoring
- Posters thanking the sanitary workers were put on the dustbins.
- Patrolling
- Sensitization/ awareness activities
- Daily Report /Observation:
The small dustbins inside the gym were not being used. They can instead be put in the washrooms where they are urgently needed.

**Day 5- 21st Feb 2020 Friday**

- No Duty: Holiday on account of Maha Shivratri

Day 6- 22nd Feb 2020 Saturday

- Dustbin monitoring
- Patrolling
- Sensitization/ awareness activities
- Daily Report /Observation:
While patrolling the Pavilion, Canteen and Third Lawn, blank chart papers, used notebook papers, papers and pamphlets used at the Annual Global University Fair in the college were found by the students. They used these papers to make bookmarks.





Day 7- 23rd Feb 2020 Sunday

- No Duty

Day 8- 24th Feb 2020 Monday

- Dustbin monitoring
- Patrolling
- Sensitization/ awareness activities
- Daily Report /Observation:

Blue dustbins near the hostels had paper wastes in them. Cups, plastic wrappers etc were discarded outside the windows of the New Academic building. There was litter on the lawns as well.



Day 9- 25th Feb 2020 Tuesday

- Dustbin monitoring
- Patrolling
- Sensitization/ awareness activities
- Daily Report /Observation:
Cardboard boxes (in corridors) have all kinds of trash (even though they clearly mention that they are for paper only).



Day 10- 26th Feb 2020 Wednesday

- Dustbin monitoring
- Patrolling
- Sensitization/ awareness activities
- Daily Report /Observation:
Hostel area was kept clean. Yoga/aerobics hall had litter scattered inside. Dustbins should be placed there to stop littering.

**Day 11- 27th Feb 2020 Thursday**

- Morning meeting
- Dustbin monitoring
- Patrolling
- Sensitization/ awareness activities: Posters were put up to create awareness regarding waste management. They were made with newspapers and other materials, thereby recycling things that would have otherwise been thrown into the rubbish.
- Daily Report /Observation:
The volunteers noticed that even with a lot of dustbins around the campus, many people were still throwing the rubbish in regardless of the labels on the dustbins. The volunteers talked to many students and informed them to the correct way of discarding various wastes.

The greatest threat to our future is the belief that someone will save it.

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Day 12- 28th Feb 2020 Friday

- Morning meeting
- Dustbin monitoring
- Patrolling
- Sensitization/ awareness activities
- Daily Report /Observation:

Canteen area was kept clean. Almost all the Green dustbins in the area (and all other Green dustbins across the campus) have non-biodegradable waste in them. Blue dustbins are also similarly used to dump biodegradable wastes.



Day 13- 29th Feb 2020 Saturday

- Dustbin monitoring
- Patrolling
- Sensitization/ awareness activities
- Final meeting of the volunteers with the teacher; observations, opinions, and suggestions regarding the Project were discussed.

Day 14- 1st March 2020 Sunday

- No Duty

General Observations

- There is not a single dustbin around the green house area and the parking lot. Dustbins can be placed there to reduce littering.
- At some places, such as the lawn adjacent to the multimedia block, the dustbins are hidden from view and thereby not accessible.
- In areas such as the lawns and sports ground, the dustbins are not placed at appropriate distances, which gives the students the opportunity to leave the wrappers of eatables and other trash on the spots where they were sitting.
- Despite clear reminders, students were still disposing waste without paying heed to the segregated dustbins.
- On visit to the washrooms, it was found that dustbins to throw sanitary napkins were very few and not enough, leading to overflow of waste.
- However, it can be noted that the canteen area is kept clean most of the day, due to the proper placements of dustbins at every entrance/exit.
- The classrooms rarely have dustbins to throw used pens, waste paper, wrappers, etc. They are littered all over the classroom. Students should be reminded to throw them in the appropriate dustbins.
- The corridors in the New Academic Block don't have adequate dustbins. Cardboard boxes kept outside for paper recycling were being used as dustbins.
- The pavilions are the nearest to the food vendors outside college, becoming more prone to being littered, but these areas are devoid of any proper waste disposal facility. Placing dustbins there will be helpful.

Conclusion

We live in a world that is bearing the burden of our overconsumption and this burden will increase as we go on. Therefore, it is imperative that initiatives such as Project Nidaan be carried out at local level to ease off that burden and make us active participants in the fight against waste mismanagement rather than be passive commentators. Change starts with us and with this project the students witnessed the difference that their action was bringing to the college campus.

This project enabled the student volunteers to learn about waste management and segregation. It gave them the opportunity to actualize on the information and advice given about waste segregation. Interacting with the students and faculties about Project Nidaan made them realize the importance of segregation and to be careful of the ways in which all of us end up creating wastes and dumping them irresponsibly. Being mindful of these bad habits was the first step towards creating good waste disposal ethics. Throughout the duration of the project, the student volunteers encouraged people to take care while throwing wastes not just in the college campus but also in their homes and hostels.

However, a lot more is still left to be desired and done. As mentioned above, despite repeated reminders, some students continued to litter and not use the dustbins in the designated way. The volunteers did see a reduction in the number of such incidents as the days went by but we must strive to create a sense of responsibility for the waste we create so that no such incidents occur in the future. Everyone needs to be vigilant about his or her waste disposal practices- in college as well as at home. This will also help to ease off the burden of segregation on the sanitary workers. If all of us take responsibility of our actions, the indomitable task of creating a Clean India can become possible.

Participating in the Project opened our eyes to the stark need for proper waste management and segregation and why we must work together towards this end. The college by initiating this Project has charted a mission that is not only sorely needed but is also commendable for implementing it and making it a success.

List of student volunteers-

Semester 2

1. Basundhara Jana
2. Dishari Malakar
3. Harshita
4. Manisha
5. Nishu
6. Seenu Kumari
7. Shruti Sagar

Semester 4

1. Jyoti Singh

Semester 6

1. Anjori Chitranshi
2. Cheshta Agarwal
3. Fatma Tanveer
4. Komal Kaim
5. Narita Bajaj
6. Shruti Kumari
7. Tejul Bhawalpuria
8. Waagmee Singh
9. Waikhom Gomati

Total- 17 students.