
The Pawna River Clean-up Drive

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With the aim of promoting environmental responsibility and protecting our precious water resources, the faculty and eco-club members organised a clean-up drive along the Pawna River. The initiative brought students together to contribute towards the cleanliness of the river surroundings while developing a deeper understanding of the importance of protecting our water bodies and preserving the natural environment.

The students actively participated in cleaning the areas surrounding the river and collecting and segregating the waste they encountered. Several kilograms of garbage, including plastic waste and other discarded materials, were collected during the drive. The waste was then appropriately segregated to ensure responsible disposal. Through this hands-on experience, students were able to understand that proper waste management begins with conscious choices and that preventing waste from entering rivers is an important part of protecting aquatic ecosystems.

The clean-up drive also highlighted the connection between a clean environment, public health and responsible civic behaviour. Removing accumulated garbage and debris not only improved the cleanliness and overall appearance of the riverfront and its surroundings but also helped reduce the possibility of harmful waste entering the water body and affecting aquatic life. Students gained practical experience in waste segregation and learned the importance of disposing of different types of waste responsibly rather than allowing them to accumulate in natural spaces.



More importantly, the initiative encouraged students to recognise that protecting water resources is a shared responsibility. The activity created an opportunity to reflect on the impact of littering and careless waste disposal and encouraged students to become more conscious of their own environmental choices. It also carried a wider message for visitors and the local community: keeping our rivers and natural surroundings clean requires consistent awareness and participation from everyone.



The drive provided students with valuable opportunities to demonstrate teamwork, leadership and civic responsibility while working towards a common environmental goal. Their active participation showed that environmental awareness becomes more meaningful when it is accompanied by direct action. Rather than simply learning about pollution and conservation in the classroom, the students experienced first-hand the effort required to maintain clean and healthy natural spaces.

The Pawna River Clean-Up Drive was therefore a meaningful environmental initiative that brought the students, Board of Directors and club members together for a common cause. The activity not only contributed to improving the cleanliness of the river surroundings but also strengthened awareness about responsible waste management and the protection of water bodies. It reinforced the idea that every individual has a role to play in keeping the environment clean and sustainable, and that continued awareness, responsible waste disposal and active community participation can help safeguard our rivers and natural resources for generations to come.