

## World Ozone Day

Raidighi College reverberated with a resounding call to action as the combined forces of its Botany Department, Green Club, Cultural Heritage Sub-Committee, and the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) organized a vibrant two-day program to celebrate World Ozone Day on September 13th and 16th, 2023.

In a collaborative effort with Jaykrishnapur AN Vidyapeeth, the first day witnessed a flurry of creative expression through a "sit-and-draw" competition and an insightful environmental quiz. Students, their pencils dancing across paper, brought the theme of "Save Ozone, Save Earth" to life, while the quiz challenged their knowledge about this vital atmospheric layer. The air crackled with excitement as teams strategized and debated, their collective intellect paving the way for a deeper understanding of ozone's importance.

Back on Raidighi's own campus on September 16th, the celebrations amped up with a "sit-and-draw" competition and an impromptu speech competition exclusively for college students. Both events pulsed with the vibrancy of young minds tackling the environmental crisis creatively. Charcoal smudged on canvases and passionate voices resonating through the halls, each entry resonated with a call for action, urging everyone to play their part in protecting the ozone layer.

The day didn't stop there. An awareness rally snaked through the college grounds, a colorful ribbon of students chanting slogans and carrying placards, raising awareness about the dangers of ozone depletion and the consequences of inaction. The principal's welcome address and speeches by the IQAC Coordinator and BSI delegate further amplified the day's message, weaving expert insights with compelling calls to action.

Following this, a dynamic discussion forum emerged, moderated by esteemed judges. Questions flew from eager students, met with knowledgeable responses from the BSI delegate and Dr. Shakuntala Ghorai. This vibrant exchange of ideas underscored the importance of continuous dialogue and the power of education in tackling environmental challenges.

The day culminated in a heartfelt valedictory address by Prof. Debanjan Pandit, followed by a joyous prize distribution ceremony. As trophies and certificates were handed out, a sense of collective achievement mingled with the lingering reminder of the responsibility each individual holds towards protecting the planet. Dr. Payel Ghosh's eloquent vote of thanks brought the program to a close, leaving behind a resounding echo of the day's theme - "Save Ozone, Save Earth."

Raidighi College's World Ozone Day celebrations weren't just a two-day event; they were a catalyst for change. Through creative expression, insightful discussions, and collective action, the college not only raised awareness about the importance of the ozone layer, but also empowered its students to become passionate advocates for environmental protection. This program became a powerful testament to the transformative power of education and collaborative action in the face of global environmental challenges. The message was clear: the fate of our planet rests not just in the hands of policymakers and scientists, but also in the collective will of students, educators, and communities. And Raidighi College, through its vibrant celebration, had taken a significant step towards a greener future, one brushstroke, one impassioned speech, one step at a time.

