

St. Francis' Convent Inter College, Jhansi

JPIC Activities- 2022-23

Call For Action!



With blessings of the almighty and the grace of venerable Mary Ward, St. Francis' Convent Inter College strives to live up to the dream of all the luminaries who encouraged women education in India through English medium. Here, we work for the holistic development of girls so that they not only excel in academics but also in develop aptitude and scientific temper to think and act critically in diverse fields.

To enable the students come across diversified thoughts and action, we work together in JPIC Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation. This club works for action and awareness towards humanity and environment to build a liveable and sustainable ecosystem.

Awareness Programmes By JPIC-

Street Play-

To bring about awareness about the rising environmental concerns, another initiative was taken up by the JPIC at SFC on 10th May'22. A group of 15 JPIC members conducted a street play outside the main gate of our school. Students of class IX- XII, some parents, sisters, and teachers were the audience. Using songs, slogans, and dancing, they emphasised on the theme of Earth Day 2022- Invest in our Planet. They pointed out several undesired activities done by us regularly and asserted the need to rectify our mistakes. Students reiterated slogans to register them to the audience on a vivid note. They not only listed our daily mistakes that harm the nature, but also urged everyone to take fine steps to curb the harm that is scaling up. Efforts by the JPIC members were highly appreciated.

Cycle Rally-

On Christmas, Jesus Christ was born in order to pay the price for the things we have done wrong and worked a transformation in the lives of people. Keeping this purpose in mind it is high time we need to revive and preserve our earth from further degradation which we have knowingly caused by our greed. The members of JPIC- justice, peace and integrity of creation and FMW-Friends of Mary Ward— St. Francis' Convent Inter College, organised a cycle rally on 12th October,2022. Christ engineered the nature with great altruism and endearment to cater to the needs of mankind and to light the world with the candle of peace, love, and humanity. When we implant love for nature and God's creatures in our hearts, we are giving rise to Jesus in our hearts. Thus, keeping the purpose with which God created us in our minds. We the members of SFC, JPIC/FMW organisation rallied in full swing to bring awareness about the increasing carbon emission and to reduce our carbon footprint that is damaging our earth. A group of students rallied on bicycle with slogans to promote cycling and walking. They emphasized on the alarming need to conserve the environment and to fulfil our purpose of soliciting for Christ's creation. A specific route with complete surveillance by the city in charges was decided beforehand. Sr. Digna, Sr. Anjali, Sr. Assunta, and teachers were an integral part of this. This rally reminded our Jhansi city dwellers of their duty towards the planet and creation. This Christmas let us thank Christ for his divine gift of nature and come together and pledge to save our nature from deterioration and global warming. The land belongs to Christ and we are its tenants therefore, we should adopt environmental means of transport like our SFC girls of JPIC/FMW. We should open the doors of our hearts to love nature and celebrate Christmas and Christ in its real sense.



Carbon Footprint

Every Thursday, during morning assembly, JPICians lead the whole school in JPIC Hymn followed by throwing light on some burning topics that concern the Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation by bringing about awareness through speech, poem, placard depiction, pledge, environmental reports, short stories etc. One of such awareness activity is as follows. On 21st July'22, the members of JPIC took lead during the morning assembly, to enlighten everyone about the most relevant topic of highest concern, i.e., carbon footprint. Carbon footprint is the amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere as a result of the activities of a particular individual, organisation, or community, which can furthermore bring

us closer to the end of the world. JPICians spoke about the ideas which will help us to reduce our carbon footprint and make society a better place to live in. The graveness of the topic was demonstrated by a poem followed by everyone taking a pledge to reduce carbon footprint in their own little ways.

World Day Against Human Trafficking in Persons

On 1st Aug'22, SFC observed the World Day Against Human Trafficking in Persons. This day is observed worldwide on 30th July every year, and this year's assembly was conducted by JPIC members of class VIII-D. They began with speeches on introduction of the day. Further, they presented a dance drama in which they depicted several ways by which people get trafficked, what all such people go through in trafficking cells and how they feel being trafficked.

Students also showed a mirror to society on how they behave with trafficked persons by ignoring, rejecting, and isolating them. Students used placards to show ways and measures to prevent human trafficking and emphasised on changing mentality towards trafficked persons. The main objective of this assembly was prevention of trafficking in persons and taking action against it. Students concluded the assembly by a motivational dance.



My Pad, My Responsibility

How would you feel, if you see an openly disposed sanitary napkin come your way? Would you like that sight? What do you think, will it affect your health in any way?

We all must have heard, read and participated in activities that signify the use of sanitary napkin for a woman, the choice of a sanitary napkin over a cloth and the hygiene concerns that accompany it. But this time, JPIC at SFC decided to divert this concern to another stream of it. And which is a complete and safe disposal of a used sanitary napkin. This time we threw light upon the hazardous effects of disposing an uncovered sanitary napkin open air.

We all know, literacy may come through education, but behaviour comes through values. Aiming at the same, we the coordinators of JPIC at school, along with all the teachers carried out an awareness programme on safe disposal of a used sanitary napkin by emphasising on covering the used napkin before dumping in the dustbin.

To mark this day, on 21st Feb'22, students of classes VI-XII carried out an activity by making envelopes using newspapers which would now onwards be used by them to cover their pads before

disposing. As-

* Rag-pickers often handle these sanitary products with their bare hands and can easily become infected, in case the blood belongs to HIV positive person.

* The blood on the pads can collect pathogens, and these can not only infect the soil but also the water supplies in the city.

* The cleaning staff at school, college, theatre, train toilet, airports and other public places, gets ashamed of picking openly disposed used napkins in the toilets.

Understanding the above concerns, students openly discussed about their responsibility on safe disposal of used sanitary napkin and welcomed this idea with open arms. Nowadays, we're watching our students carrying an envelope along with a pad. Small initiatives can bring about a great change.

Mother Earth- Immediate Action

On 22nd Apr'22, our school marked the 'Earth Day' by presenting morning prayer assembly and conducting several competitions. The programme begun with speeches, in which JPIC members introduced the theme and highlighted the importance of the day. They emphasised on the immediate need for actions that would help heal mother earth. Competitions such as slogan-writing and digital photography were also conducted. Selected students came up and spoke their slogans aloud and appealed to everyone for necessary actions that all can take now. Students enthusiastically took part in photography competition in which they captured moments from the nature where nature is blushing in its peaceful attire. They emphasised on not disturbing its peace, rather make efforts to its natural jewels intact. Later on, students presented a 'mime act' in which they depicted all the wrong actions done by us in our daily life such as; wasting water, wasting electricity, carbon emission and animal hunting. They also showed ways and means as to how we can limit and reduce such activities that hamper the resources of the earth. To build up motivation in students, the winners of the competitions was recognised by awarding them several prizes.

Season of Creation

On 31st August'22, SFC observed the Season of Creation. The Season of Creation, that starts from 1st September, World Day of Prayer for the care of creation which continue till 4th October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi each year is a celebration of the creation of God. This year's assembly was conducted by the JPIC members of class X-B.

They started by welcoming everyone through a dance which was followed by a captivating song that sang praises for the creation of the almighty. Thereafter, they presented a skit on 'Moses and the Burning Bush'- The Symbol of 'Season of Creation' which reveals God's presence and assurance that He will be with us forever. They also displayed the five elements of Nature - water, fire, earth and wind through a dance that appealed to listening the 'Voice of Creation' and their 'Cry to Humankind'. It was followed by a Bharatanatyam dance on the beauty of nature. Prayers were also conducted asking God not only to heal our mother Earth but provide us wisdom to be the true stewards of his creation. Students concluded the assembly by a song of pledge- 'I will save the earth'.

CLEANLINESS DRIVE - 16th Feb. 2023

On 16th Feb. 2023, the members of FMW and JPIC conducted a cleanliness drive outside the school premises. Students along with sisters and teacher coordinators buckled their shoes up to collect single-use plastic and segregate it for further waste management. Students, teachers and sisters divided in teams to circle target areas and take up the drive in full swing. Abiding

by health and hygiene norms, we all wore biodegradable gloves and masks before we begun the drive.

This was another attempt to bring about awareness in the students and outsiders as to how and why is the proper disposal of non- biodegradable waste necessary. Accumulation of such a waste not only pollutes the top soil but also degrades the quality of ground water level during the rainy season.

All the members who participated in this drive conveyed a message of 'clean and green' campus. If each one takes their initiative to mind the litter done by them, we can contribute to heal the earth a little.