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Objective

Being born on 5th June which is also World Environment Day , I feel that I am pre-ordained to be an eco-warrior . My objective is to take a leadership role in spreading awareness about conservation in my school and community and also be a role model by practicing the tenets of conservation.

Education

Grade 7 student at The Millennium School , Dubai

Awards/Achievements:

1. Regional Ambassador for MiddleEast for TUNZA Ecogeneration
2. Winner of HH Shaikh Hamdan Award for Distinguished Academic Excellence – 2010
3. Represented the UAE at the 2011 TUNZA International Children and Youth Conference at Bandung , Indonesia organised by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
4. Represented the UAE at the 2012 TUNZA Asia Pacific Children and Youth Conference at Ahmedabad, India in February,2012
5. Winner of Korea Green Foundation award for environmental advocacy in 2012 and a delegate at the 2012Global Youth for Environment Forum being held in Seoul , Korea.
6. Winner of environment photography campaign by PRATHAM India titled ‘ Shoot A Tree’
7. Head Girl of the Junior School , academic year 2009 ~2010.
8. Best Pupil Award Winner of The Millennium School , Junior Section , 2010.
9. Represented my school at an international conference of Round Square International held at Daly College , Indore attended by schools from Europe , China , Middle east and SE Asia in 2011. I delivered a presentation on my school’s activities titled ‘ Making a difference’.
10. Member of the school’s Student Council , 2011 ~2012.
11. Always awarded the first rank (general proficiency 1) in school every year from KG1 till current grade.
12. Winner of Gulf News ‘Blockbuster’ quiz competition in 2010
13. Winner at the inaugural Interschool Environment Quiz hosted by Indian High School , Abu Dhabi in 2010.
14. Winner of the piano competition – 1st UAE International Chopin Competition held in Abu Dhabi in Feb,2010.
15. Won several competitions in public speaking , singing , dance , drama , art and quiz.

Memberships

- TUNZA – United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- TUNZA Ecogeneration – Regional Ambassador
- Roots & Shoots International
- Green The Gene – Country Coordinator
- Round Square International
- Best Buddies International , UAE chapter
- Emirates Marine Environmental Group (EMEG) & Emirates Wildlife Society (EWS)
- Emirates Environmental Group (EEG)
- Eco Club at The Millennium School

Environmental Activities

- Waste Segregation & Recycling project for Dubai Municipality covering 1000households
- Participated in one Dozen Green Acts for Earth day2012 which included tree planting , beach cleanup , a concert amongst other activities.
- Organised World Water Day march and awareness campaign on 22nd March in Dubai
- My poem on the environment won a prize at the Emirates International Festival of Literature
- Contributed to the Youth draft resolution at the World Water Forum' 12 held at Marseilles,France
- Earth Hour 2012 campaign where I was the chosen volunteer to spread awareness
- Conducted workshop on sustainability at Junior Round Square Conference held at the Millennium School in March' 12 attended by schools across Asia.
- Delegate at the 'Eye On Earth 2011' summit in Abu Dhabi , UAE
- Delegate at the 'World Future Energy Summit 2012' held in Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Conducted workshop on sustainability at the Global Issues Network 2012 conference at the American Community School , Abu Dhabi in Feb,2012 . It was attended by 20 American community school students from four continents
- Tree planting on World Environment Day and Earth Day , since 2008 .
- Featured on the front page of UAE newspaper 'Gulf News' as part of 'Wipe Out Waste' (WOW) campaign
- Participation in 'Clean up The World' Campaigns since 2009
- Participation in 'Clean Up the UAE' campaign since 2008
- Participation in Earth Hour since 2009
- Participant in 'Water Walk' , 'Breast Cancer Walk' , 'Diabetes Day Walk' since 2008
- Delivered power point presentations at Rashid School for Boys at workshops attended by schools across the UAE on 'My Green Journey' and 'My Dream City' (based on sustainable living) in 2010 and 2011 respectively .

- Recycle cans , newspapers , toners at school , home and the neighbourhood.
- Active participant in mangrove cleaning and conservation campaigns in the UAE
- Contribute articles to Gulf News on recycling , global warming and conservation – to raise awareness through the media.
- Have undertaken a water conservation project through my school’s Eco Club. This project reduced water consumption by 26% and won us the 2nd prize awarded by the Dubai Municipality
- Active member of the Hawksbill Turtle Conservation Project in the UAE.
- Participated in ‘ART from WASTE’ exhibition with my own stall .
- Performed an ‘eco- dance’ (own composition) to spread the message of conservation by using kathak dance as a medium , to an audience of school children.
- Undertook a neighborhood awareness project on recycling where the message of conservation was shared with restaurants and beauty parlours.

Personal Data

- **Date of birth** : 5th June , 2000 (Female)
- **School** : The Millennium School , Dubai
- **Talents/ Hobbies** : Public speaking , Drama , Piano , Singing , Quiz , Art , Dance (Western & Kathak) , Swimming, Squash
- **Languages** : English, Arabic , Bengali, French