

EUMIND (2021-22)

Educational and Ecological Initiatives Between Europe and India

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead

Pawar Public School Nanded City, Pune (PPSNC) participated in a virtual ‘EUMIND Exchange Programme’ for the academic year 2021-22 under the leadership of EUMIND School Coordinator Madhushreela Rakshit. This was the second year that PPSNC continued with the programme involving the teachers and students of Grade VIII, IX & X.

Eumind is a non-profit school network that creates and supervises virtual exchange projects in which Indian and European students have the opportunity to work together on projects regarding real-life issues such as sustainability and human rights, and creative projects based on theatre and arts.

PPSNC got the opportunity to take part in two projects – ‘Go Green 2’ and ‘On Stage’. Both teachers and students who were part of the projects put in a lot of hard work and displayed unparalleled dedication despite being in the middle of a worldwide pandemic. All virtual Eumind projects are required to use the website-building tool Weebly as part of the assignment. With this objective, the EUMIND School Coordinator had to create two separate Weebly websites for the projects. Each group consisted of two teachers and five students. The students were assigned different roles – Leader (Weebly Editor), Editor, Article Writer, Interviewer and Photographer. As a part of the project, the leader was responsible to design the page as per the requirements with the help of Scribd (to embed Word/PDF files), Gallery (to add PPT slides), Pictures, Features to include YouTube videos and Columns. The projects were divided into different parts with specific deadlines. To begin the project, the students in the group had to make introductory videos which included their first name, their hobbies and their role in the group. Then they had to carry out a research based on their sub-topic followed by comparison and reflection of their work with the partner school’s work. Finally, they had to fill the self-assessment after their research with the help of the EUMIND School Coordinator. PPSNC has completed both the projects successfully with Certificate of Excellence and Certificate of Good Practice.

‘Go Green 2 Project’ had seven sub-projects – Saving Energy at School, Ecological Companies, Saving Food, Waste Management, Plastic Recycling, Ecological Creativity and My Green Meal. ‘Go Green 2’ Project aims at different ways in which we can keep our Earth green and make the students come together from different parts of the world for this purpose. Our partner school for the project was ‘Baken Park Lyceum’ from Almere, Netherlands. The project demanded interviews with various professionals. The teachers and students conducted insightful virtual interviews with professionals from various private firms like Larsen and Turbo, 7 Parallels, Eco Regain, CRH (Climate Risk Horizon) Consultancy, Supermarkets, Robinhood Army, Keshav Sita Memorial Trust (Plastic Recycling Organization) and with many other experts such as teachers, quilters, dieticians, sport players, food experts, in-charge of waste management at school and many more.



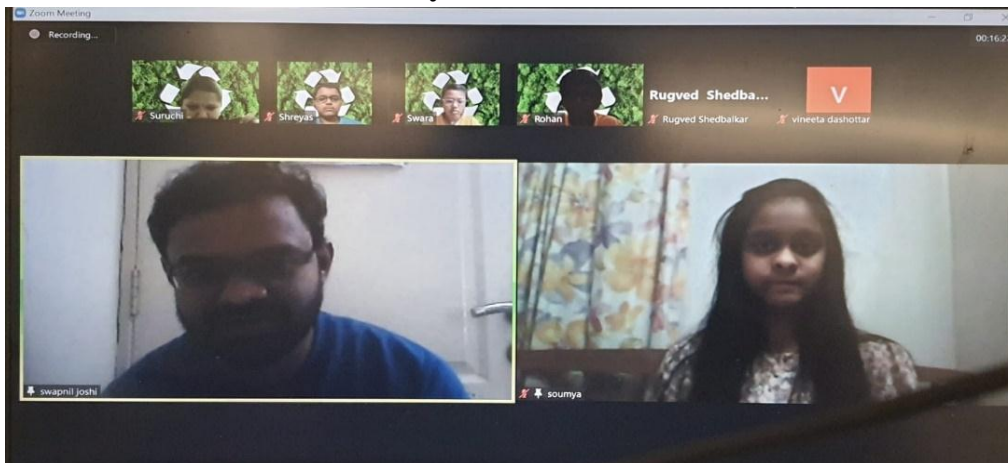
Ecological Companies



Ecological Creativity



My Green Meals



Waste Management

The 'On Stage' Project had six sub-projects – Local Sports, Local Food, Local Music, Local Festivals, Wildlife and Nature, and Classroom in School Culture. This project was quite different from 'Go Green 2 Project'. The project team members created a recorded TV Show of about 5-10 minutes with a lot of humour. The interesting part of the project was that the students had to research on the partner school's country and present the TV Shows based on that. Students and teachers put a lot of interest and effort to understand the culture of the partner country. Our partner school for this project was Hervormd Lyceum Zuid from Amsterdam, Netherlands. This project helped in developing deep appreciation for the culture of the partner country among all the students and teachers involved.



Shooting of TV Show (Local Food) at School Pantry



Shooting of TV Show (Local Music) at School AV Hall

Both the groups were very enthusiastic and contributed significantly to every part of the projects. The best part of the projects was the Virtual Video Conferences with partner schools. Students and teachers had an unforgettable experience interacting with the students and teachers, which helped them to know about each other in a better way before they started with their respective assignments. They were in constant touch with each other via whatsapp groups and video calls.



On Stage Project – Video Conference



Go Green 2 – Video Conference

Both the EUMIND projects – ‘Go Green 2’ and ‘On Stage’ left an indelible positive effect on the minds of the students. They learned about the culture of their partner country, got the opportunity to collaborate on a cross-geography project, and picked up life lessons which no amount of class lessons could provide.

Visit the webpages: Go Green 2: <https://eumindgogreen22021pawarnandedcity.weebly.com/>

On Stage: <https://eumindonstage2021ppsp.weebly.com/>

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