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When the pressure exceeds the carrying capacity of the environment to repair or replace itself, it creates a serious problem of environmental degradation. If we use any environmental resource such as plants, herbs, ground water, soil nutrition, clean air and food products beyond its limit of replacement, we may lose it forever. Therefore, there is a need to create 'awareness' about Environmental protection.

While efforts are being made at the national and international level to protect our environment, it is also the responsibility of every citizen to use our environmental resources with care and protect them from degradation.

ENVIS Centres, by their mandate of establishment, are continuously working for the collection, compilation and dissemination of environmental information to the policy makers and common masses. They are playing the role of environment trackers by analyzing the environmental problems based on the comparative analysis of their decade long data-banks. As the initiators, ENVIS Centres are working with 138 Eco-Clubs, Greening agencies, schools, colleges, researchers, environmentalists, social workers and scientific & medical institutes for spreading awareness among all for the protection and conservation of nature and natural resources.

Since inception, ENVIS Centre, U.T. Chandigarh is also doing regular efforts towards the environmental well being of the city beautiful and to generate the aim of environment protection and management among the most active part of the society i.e. School students. With this aim, ENVIS Centre, Chandigarh is performing series of awareness drives every year in collaboration with various stakeholder departments of the Administration, schools, eco clubs and NGOs etc. This newsletter, is a glimpse of awareness activities performed in the current session (2016-2017).



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World Earth Day: 22 April 2016

ENVIS Centre, Chandigarh in collaboration with the Department of Environment, Chandigarh and NGO "Youth Innovative Society", has celebrated the World Earth Day on 22nd April of 2016, in the seminar hall of Sh. Moti Lal Arya Model School, Sector 27. It was attended by large number students from city based school, nearly 134 eco-clubs established under different schools and their respective eco-club incharge. The Chiefguest of the event was Mr. Parimal Rai (IAS), Advisor to Administrator (Chandigarh Administration). The programme consists of the lectures from the eminent lecturers of the city based schools on environmental awareness. A sensitization lecture was given by ENVIS Centre, Chandigarh on the environmental issues and familiarizing school teachers, students and ECO Clubs of the city about the working of ENVIS Centre and the environmental data available with it.

On this occasion, a book named **"The Greening Action Plan 2016"** for Chandigarh had also been released which covers the detailed information of the

A new website namely, **"Flora of Chandigarh"**, was also inaugurated on the occasion which is very unique of its kind; as its an effort to collect and collate all floral species of Chandigarh and the details of their nature, flowering/blooming season and living conditions. One can find out the name of any unknown plant of Chandigarh just by clicking on the website and following very simple steps.

The celebration was ended with the distribution of motivational prizes to the environmentally best performing ECO-Clubs of the city for adopting organic plant culture; maintaining beautiful plant nurseries and proving free of cost plants to the kids and residents of the city.



World Environment Day: 5th June 2016

To celebrate the grand event of World Environment Day, the ENVIS Centre, Chandigarh has organized a series of events with the ECO-Clubs, School Children, local residents and specially with the Hon'ble Judges of Punjab & Haryana High Court.

The celebration was started with the Bicycle rally, which began from the Open Hand Monument at Punjab & Haryana High Court and culminated at the most visited tourist place of Chandigarh; Sukhna Lake. The rally was participated by the Director, Department of Environment, Chandigarh, Hon'ble Judges of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, City Residents, NGOs and School Children.

On the occasion, the staff of Department of Environment and ENVIS Centre, Chandigarh have taken Oath, to keep environment clean & green, and work for its protection.

For spreading awareness among the daily commuters to the office of de environment, ENVIS Centre Chandigarh had prepared 3 standies on Working of Envis centre, Principles of Waste Management, and Environment of Chandigarh; and placed for the visitors. E-copies of the same were uploaded on website also.





CELEBRATION OF VAN-MAHOTSAV 2016

Van Mahotsav is an annual tree-planting movement in India, which was started in 1950 by Kulapati Dr.K M Munshi (Union Minister) to create enthusiasm among masses for forest conservation and planting trees. The name Van Mahotsava means "the festival of trees", its now a week-long festival, celebrated on different days in different parts of India, but usually between 1st July to 7th July. Celebration of such festivals is aimed to prevent the constant felling of trees in India, which has been a problem for a long time. As at 2016, tree cover of India (including forests and non-forest areas) was 23.81%. The Government of India has set a target of 33% cover by 2020. To cross the target steadily, UT Chandigarh has recorded remarkable growth in the total green cover from 53 km² to 58.04 km² since 2013 comprising a total of 40.73% of the total geographic area.

Paudhmela : 8th July 2016

The celebration of Vanmahotsav-2016 in city beautiful Chandigarh was initiated on 8th July 2016 with a two day event named Paudhmela, which was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Sh. Parimal Rai, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator at 10:00 am at Sukhna Lake Club, Chandigarh. The day was participated by Department of Forest and Wild life, Engineering Department, Municipal Corporation, city based NGOs, Resident Welfare Associations and more than 200 eco clubs of the schools of city beautiful.



The word Paudhmela signifies the Fair (Mela) of Plant Saplings (Paudh). On this occasion Forest Department of UT Chandigarh has distributed saplings of a wide variety of flowering and herbal plants to the participants and localites free of cost, whereas other departments are selling at nominal rate, depending on species. Three Stalls of Forest Department, Municipal Corporation, Horticulture wing of Engineering Department were stationed there. Two Stalls of Sarpagandha Eco Club of Govt. Model Sr.Sec.School, Sec.16-D and Sohanjana Eco Club of Govt. Model Sr.Sec. School, Sec. 46-D were also stationed there and distributed plants and manure to the interested people.

After inauguration of Paudh Mela, the 'Ceremonial Plantation-2016' was launched by the chief guest at Nagar Van Udhyan Yojana Site behind Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh by planting 'Plumeria' sapling.

On this occasion, Sh.Santosh Kumar, IFS, CCF informed that encouraged by the previous year results, the Greening Chandigarh Task Group has prepared the "Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2016-17" which was released by worthy Adviser to Administrator on 22nd April, 2016. The Plan comprises of plantation targets of various Departments/Agencies and the strategies to achieve the desired results. During this year 2,20,000 saplings are being planted in a phased manner on government and private land and 50,000 saplings are being distributed by Forest Department free of cost to the citizens of the Chandigarh, to contribute their part in the maintenance of the Green Cover of the City.

ECO-CLUB DAY: 11th July, 2016

To observe Van Mahotsav-2016 in a befitting manner by involving various Greening agencies like NGOs, Resident Welfare Associations, Eco-Clubs besides Government agencies, Department of Forest & Wildlife, Chandigarh Administration had organized 'Eco Club Day' on 11th July, 2016, during which various schools planted saplings within their school premises. The ceremonial function was held at Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Sector 37-B, in which Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests & Director Environment & Science & Technology, U.T. Chandigarh was the Chief Guest. The overall objective of celebrating the 'Eco Club Day' is to sensitize the masses especially school children to generate awareness for protection and conservation of flora & fauna and to increase the green cover of the Chandigarh. On this occasion, Shri Santosh Kumar, IFS exhorted the students to take active part in plantation in open areas and should make Chandigarh city more clean & green.

On this occasion, Chief Guest inaugurated 50 kWp Grid tied Rooftop Solar Photovoltaic Power Plant at Government Model Sr. Sec. School, Sec. 37-B, UT Chandigarh. After inaugurating, the Solar Plant, Chief Guest inaugurated 'Green House' in the School campus and planted the sapling of 'Lakshmi Taru'. This Green House was prepared by School authorities in collaboration with Lions Club (Central) Chandigarh. Other Officers, Principal of the School and Lions Members also planted a sapling.

After that, Chief Guest distributed the Prizes to the winners of the school students in competitions of Essay Writing Competition and other Environment related activities which were held in the School.

In his address, Chief Guest told that Chandigarh has been bestowed with two National Awards for Excellence by Govt of India recently for its exemplary works in the field of Solar energy. He further told that Central Government has set an target of installing 50 MW Rooftop Solar Power Plants in Chandigarh by 2022. Though it is a huge task but Chandigarh Administration is committed in achieving it by providing various incentives and pro active policies. This is very much desirable for mitigating the ill effects of climate change.

He further urged the students that each one of you to plant at least one tree every year in the monsoon season so that our planet Earth is kept Green.

During the function, Mr. Birendra Choudhary, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ms. Arpana, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sh.P.J.S.Dadhwal, Addl. Director (Environment), Members of the Lions Club (Central), Chandigarh, Cluster groups and Eco Club Incharges of various Schools, Principal of the school and other Senior Officers of the Administration were present. It was attended by more than 200 school students and NSS Cadets and representatives from NGOs and Resident Welfare Associations.



NGO's Day: 13th July, 2016

Task orientated and driven by people with a common interest, NGOs in city beautiful Chandigarh, are performing a variety of services and humanitarian functions, bringing citizens concerns to the government, encouraging political participation through provisions of information, providing health care services to our poor people, spreading awareness for protection of wildlife, forest, human right, Women and Children etc. Therefore, the NGOs day was celebrated to give new enthusiasm to the volunteer students and appreciate their contribution to the society. There are thirteen NGOs, registered with the UT Chandigarh, and continuously working for the environment awareness activities through organizing various programmes, workshops, forest walks, cycle rallies and nature tracking etc in collaborations with various respective departments of the city.



To celebrate NGOs day during Van Mahotsav-2016, the City-based NGO "Youth Innovative Society (Regd)" in collaboration with U.T. Forest and wildlife department organized a tree plantation drive at DAV Model School, Sector15. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, was invited as the chief guest and as a clean and green initiative, 'Plant a Life Campaign' was organized with the student volunteers of the schools.

The overall objective of celebrating the 'NGO Day' is to sensitize the masses especially school children to work for environmet protection and generate awareness for protection and conservation of flora & fauna, to increase the green cover of the City and educate others for the same as well. Chandigarh.

Resident Welfare Association (RWA) Day: 18th July 2016

Department of Forests & Wildlife, Chandigarh Administration has celebrated 'Resident Welfare Association (RWA) Day' as a part of 'Vanmahotsav-2016' on 18th July, 2016. Starting in the morning at 10:00 hrs, the ceremonial function was arranged at Community Centre, Sector 35, Chandigarh in association with Federation of Sectors Welfare Association Chandigarh (FOSWAC). Deputy Conservator of Forests & Deputy Chief Wildlife Warden, UT Chandigarh was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Chief Guest planted a sapling of 'Hibiscus' in community centre campus and exhorted the residents to get part in greening programmes to make Chandigarh more clean and green. During the speech, he also highlighted the target and achievement of Plantation/distribution during the year 2015-16 and target fixed for 2016-17. FOSWAC members also planted the saplings.



The overall objective of celebrating the 'RWA Day' was to take elder people on a platform and sensitize them to work with the residents of U.T. Chandigarh in their respective wards and make groups of residents to generate awareness for protection for conservation of flora & fauna, waste management and sanitation.

Herbal Day: 20th July, 2016

Admiring the importance of herbs in our daily life and need of the hour to spread awareness among the masses for their conservation, plantation and usage, "Herbal day" was celebrated on 20th July, 2016. The ceremonial function was held At Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Sector 47-D, in which Sh. Ajit Balaji, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, UT, Chandigarh was the Chief Guest. On this occasion, the inauguration of 50 kWp Rooftop Solar Power Plant at school premises was performed and school students were informed about the environmental benefits of harnessing solar energy. Afterwards, a plantation drive of the common herbal plants was started and students were awarded for their environmental activities of the year..



Workshop on Green School programme: 8th Sept, 2016

ENVIS Centre, Department of Environment, Chandigarh has conducted a workshop dated 08th Sept, 2016 to aware all the eco clubs of the city about the environmental information availability with the centre and how to use it for various purposes. The workshop was organized in collaboration with the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi on the Green School Programme (GSP). The teachers from 27 clusters of 136 Eco-clubs had actively participated in the workshop. The programme, coordinated by Environment Education Unit (EEU) of CSE, helps schools to audit their consumption of natural resources within their own premises. The workshop introduces new methodology for assessing the performance of the school community as an environmental managers. Under GSP, all schools were asked to go for environmental audit of their respective school, with special emphasis on six sections (Water, Waste, Energy, Land, Air and Food). A guide book was also distributed that explains step-by-step, how to audit natural resources like air, energy, food, land, water and waste within the premises of a school.

Under GSP, CSE will organize the Green Schools Programme Awards Ceremony as an annual event, where top performers (based on their online audit reports) from across the country are rewarded for their enterprise and innovative skills. The objective is to acknowledge the effort made, and also to encourage more institutions to come forward and take part in this movement.



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BEST ECO-CLUBS AWARDS - 2015, U.T. CHANDIGARH:

Eco Club Award	Name of the Eco-Club and School	Amount (INR)
1 st	St. Stephen's School, Sector 45-B, Chandigarh	10,000/-
2 nd	Divya Public School, Sector 44-D, Chandigarh	8,000/-
3 rd	Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Sector 38-W, Chandigarh	6,000/-
Consolation Prize		
1 st	Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Sector 33-D, Chandigarh	3,000/-
2 nd	Carmel Convent School, Sector 9-B, Chandigarh	3,000/-



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Don't provoke smoke



Feel Fresh Air



Do not Litter



Manage Waste



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