

ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS 2018-19:-

- Department has organized awareness activities with Eco-clubs of UT Chandigarh and general public to create awareness towards the betterment of environment, some of the activities are given as under:-
 - Painting and Quiz competition on the occasion of World Earth Day on 22nd April, 2018, involving thousands of students of Eco-Club of Chandigarh and general public of Chandigarh.
- Department has organized various activities with Eco-clubs of UT Chandigarh and general public to create awareness towards the betterment of environment, some of the activities are given as under:-
 - Set-up of One New Eco-Club (total 149 Eco-Clubs) under National Green Corps Programme of the MoEF&CC, New Delhi
 - Set-up of One New Herbal Garden (total 80 Herbal Garden in Eco-Clubs of U.T., Chandigarh) under National Green Corps Programme of the MoEF&CC, New Delhi
 - Set-up of One New Herbal Garden (total 8 Herbal Garden in Colleges of U.T., Chandigarh) under National Green Corps Programme of the MoEF&CC, New Delhi
 - Painting and Quiz competition on the occasion of World Environment Day, World Ozone Day and Environmental Day involving thousands of students of Eco-Club of Chandigarh and general public of Chandigarh. Thousands Cloth bags (*jholas*) have been distributed free of cost to Chandigarh General People different location of the City.
 - Best Eco-Club Award – 2017 & 2018 to top three Eco-Clubs of Chandigarh for each category i.e. Primary/Middle School and High/Sr. Sec. School.
 - Walk by Senior Citizens in the month of July, 2018 for creating Awareness towards environment.
 - Orientation Training Workshop conducted for 200 Eco-Clubs Incharge of various Schools of U.T. Chandigarh on 2nd August 2018.
 - A 'Plastic Pollution Free Chandigarh Campaign' conducted by involving *Ramlila* Artists, on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 and distributed free of cost cloth bags and make people aware against polythene bags pollution.
 - Street plays have been organized on the theme of "Chandigarh Says Goodbye Poly-Bags" during the New Year Celebration, 2019 and Rose festival, 2019.
- Department has conducted the following activities under Environmental Education Awareness and Training Programme:-

○ **Capacity Building programmes:-**

Department has conducted 5 workshops under Environment Education, Awareness and Training (EEAT) scheme of MoEF&CC, New Delhi covering following themes:-

- *Orientation Workshop on theme of Biodiversity Promotion & Conservation.*
- *Orientation Workshop on theme of Awareness on Clean Technology.*
- *Awareness Workshop on Single use Plastic Items.*
- *Orientation Workshop on Water & Wetland Conservation.*
- *Orientation Workshop on waste Management.*

○ **National Nature Camping programme:-**

- Under Environment Education, Awareness and Training (EEAT) scheme of MoEF&CC, New Delhi this programme Nature camps were organized for the various schools of UT Chandigarh and more than 1500 students of schools and colleges were beneficiaries through these programme.
- Primarily the camps were organized at Chatbir Zoo, City Reserved forest and Botanical garden.

- ENVIS Hub of Department of Environment, Chandigarh Administration in collaboration with NITTR, Chandigarh has conducted a Skill Development course on Course **“Sustain and Enhance Technical Knowledge in Solar Energy Systems”** under Green Skill Development of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), GOI, New Delhi. Under this programme a total number of 19 candidates from throughout the nation were skilled with various technologies of solar energy and operation maintenance of solar equipments.
 - Three Newsletters focusing on various environmental issues on U.T., Chandigarh have been published.

PROPOSED PROGRAMME 2019-2020:-

- The State of Environment Report - 2018 is being prepared and printed by the ENVIS Hub, Department of Environment, Chandigarh Administration.
- State level celebration of World Environment day on 5th June 2019 on “Air Pollution Theme” with the participation of Eco-clubs and local NGOs.
- Awarding Best three performing **Eco-clubs (Schools), Environmental Societies (Colleges)** on the basis of Environmental Awareness activities organized in Financial Year 2018-19.
- Eco-clubs (Schools)/ Environmental Societies (Colleges) play an important role in creating environmental awareness amongst the future generation. It is a platform where we get knowledge about environment. It also enables the students to be sensitive towards environmental concern to tackle environmental problems.

- Celebration of *Vanmahotsav* week in the month of July; during this week long department will conduct multiple awareness activities with the involvement of Schools, NGO's and RWA's.
- Release of a Guidebook on "Single-Use Plastic and Polythene Ban in Chandigarh".
- Providing financial and technical support to Schools of UT Chandigarh under National Green Corps Eco-clubs Programme for awareness purpose.
- Implementation of Green Skill Development programme (**GSDP**) under ENVIS Scheme of MoEF&CC.
- GSDP endeavours to develop green skilled workers having technical knowledge in the environment and forest sector to enable India's youth to get gainful employment and/or self-employment and this programme specially focuses on drop-outs.
- Implementation of Nature Campaigning, Capacity Building programme and National Green Corps programmes under Environment Education, Awareness and Training Scheme under this scheme department will organize nature trails, seminars, debates, lectures and popular talks on environmental issues in the school.
- Under UT Climate Action plan – a workshop will organized for various stakeholders to identify UT specific Climate Change related problems and relevant technologies.