POST GRADUATE GOVERNMENT COLLEGE FOR GIRLS SECTOR-11, CHANDIGARH



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Prakriti-The Environment Society (Session: 2017-2018)

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Aims

- 1. To create awareness of biodiversity conservation and local environmental issues among young girls
- 2. To arouse love and responsibility among students for nature.
- 3. To motivate the students to conserve the resources.
- 4. To create a 'Clean and Green' consciousness among students through various innovation methods.

Objectives

- 1. Encouraging creativity and improving students for constructive action.
- 2. Maintain composting pits.
- 3. Organize tree plantation programs, awareness programs through quiz, essay, painting competitions, rallies etc regarding various environmental issues.

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Van Mahotsav

"Prakriti" The Environment Society of PGGCG-11 in collaboration with NSS of the college celebrated Van Mahotsav on **29**th **July**, **2017** where a massive tree plantation drive was undertaken under the greening Chandigarh action Plan. The Chief Guest of the function was Director Higher Education, Chandigarh Administration, Mr. R.K. Popli. The function was attended by senior faculty members, members of Environment Society, NSS and Students. Thirty faculty and 52 students participated in this activity. Principal Dr. Anita Kaushal who is also the President of the Environment Society and the Alumni Association asked the faculty and the students of the college to adopt these plants and take special care of them. As many as 50 saplings of various ornamental, medicinal, avenue and Shade loving trees like Hibiscus, Amaltas, Gulmohar, Ashoka, Arjun, Kikar and Neem were planted in various areas of the College.



Mr. RK Popli, Director Higher Education planting tree sapling in college campus

Akshay Urja Diwas

Prakriti- The Environment Society of P.G.G.C.G-11 Chandigarh celebrated the Akshay Urja Diwas on 19th August, 2017 (Saturday) in the college. The function was sponsored by Chandigarh Renewable Energy Science and Technology Promotion Society (CREST). Various Inter college Competitions like Slogan Writing, Poster Making and Face Painting Competitions on the theme "Impact of Akshay Urja in India" were held. Due to the overwhelming response of the students for participating in inter college poster making and slogan writing competition on the occasion of Akshay Urja Diwas an Intra College poster making and slogan writing competition on the theme Impact of Akshay Urja on India was organized on 16.08.17, nine students were shortlisted for inter college poster making and slogan writing competition to be held on 19th August, 2017 (Saturday). The registration for the various intercollege competitions started at 9.00 am. About 73 students from 14 colleges of the tricity registered for the various competitions. The Resource person of the day was our own young Environmentalist Ms. Surbhi who gave a very thought-provoking lecture cum power point presentation on Impact of Akshay Urja on India. She explained the impact of solar energy in agriculture, concept of solar tree, Solar train, advantages of using renewable energy and its impact in India. Some slides of her presentation are as follows:



Young environmentalist Ms. Surbhi delivering lecture cum power point presentation

Inter College Slogan Writing Competition

Campus Cleanliness Day

Student members of "Prakriti"- The Environment Society of Post Graduate Govt. College for Girls, Sector-11, Chandigarh celebrated campus cleanliness day on Teachers Day on **05**th **September, 2017** in collaboration with Botany department. The Celebrations were marked by cleaning campus area and conducting tree Plantation Drive by the students as a tribute and expression of gratitude to their guiding light, their teachers. The function was attended by faculty members, members of Environment Society and students. Principal Dr. Anita Kaushal said that through such plantation drives, more and more people can be inspired to promote the importance of being at harmony with the environment. As many as 60 saplings of various ornamental, medicinal, avenue and Shade loving trees like Hibiscus, Amaltas, Baheda, Ashoka, Arjun, Kikar and Neem were planted in various areas of the College. 43 students and 15 faculty members actively participated in the event.



Student members of "Prakriti" during cleanliness drive



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Rally for rivers

On 14th September, 2017 "Prakriti", The Environment Society of the College along with Isha Foundation showed a small documentary movie to the undergraduate and post graduate students of college to create awareness and initiate action to save rivers which are dying Rally for Rivers is breakthrough campaign launched by Isha Foundation to save the Life lines of this country. To create awareness and momentum amongst all sections of society and the government, Isha Foundation is organizing a "Rally for Rivers" awareness campaign in consultation and collaboration with the Ministry of Environment. Conceived by Sadhguru, the rally was flagged off from Isha Yoga Center, Coimbatore on September 3 and will culminate in Delhi on October 2, covering 13 states and 21 major cities. The rally was attended by 93 students. The message to the students was given that secure water resources are essential for individual well-being and for future economic growth of country. The rivers can be saved by maintaining substantial number of trees for at least one kilometer of width along the riversides. If there are no trees, a destructive cycle of floods and drought occur and rivers go dry because there is no moisture in the soil to feed them. With a comprehensive policy and resolve action our rivers can be nurtured so that they nourish the future generation.

Human Chain and Rally on World Ozone Day

"Prakriti", the Environment Society of Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector-11 Chandigarh celebrated "World Ozone Day" on 16th September, 2017. The function started with the formation of Human Chain by the faculty and the student members of the society. This Human Chain terminated into a rally by the student members within the college campus and surrounding areas of the college. The students were carrying placards bearing slogans and messages like "Save Ozone", "Stop Use Of Deodorants and Perfumes", "Save Ozone Save Earth", "Reduce The Use Of CFC's", to sensitize people about the depletion of Ozone layer and the harmful effects of UV radiations on human beings. This rally was flagged off by the Vice Principal Mr. Kanwar Iqbal Singh and senior members of the Faculty, Vice Principal emphasized that Sustainable Development was the need of the hour. He appreciated the efforts of the society members and applauded their constructive role for the betterment of the society. About 38 students along with the faculty members also took a pledge to preserve the ozone layer by decreasing the use of Chlorofluorocarbons.



Student members of the Society during Ozone Day

Human Chain formation on Anticracker Awareness

"Prakriti" The Environment Society of Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector-11, Chandigarh in collaboration with Botany Department organized awareness campaign on safe and pollution free Diwali on 17thOctober, 2017. Following activities were organized during awareness campaign.

- 1. Human Chain formation and Anti Cracker Rally around the College and outer roads of Sector-11
- 2. Pledge by Students and Faculty members of the Society

On this occasion a human chain was formed and a rally was organized by the members of faculty and students. The rally was flagged off by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Anita Kaushal. She emphasized on the importance of celebrating on Eco friendly Deepawali and thereby reducing the air and noise pollution. This was followed by a pledge by the faculty members and students to celebrate a safe and pollution free Diwali by not bursting crackers and thereby protecting the environment. They further pledged to spread this message to one and all. About 100 students participated in the awareness campaign. The students were carrying placards bearing the slogans like Say No to Crackers, Celebrating Diwali With Diyas And Crackers, Have A Eco Friendly Diwali, Burst Ego Not Crackers. The Anti Cracker Rally proved to be a source of inspiration to all the faculty members and students of the College



Student members of Prakriti during rally inside the College

Outcome

Our Society Prakriti empower students to participate and take up meaningful environmental activities and projects. It is a forum through which students can reach out to influence, engage their parents and neighborhood communities to promote sound environmental behavior. Through various activities like tree plantation, community service, rallies, young students learn about the Environment and Develops Sense of Caring environment.