

7.1.3. Quality audits on the environment and energy regularly undertaken by the Institution.

The institutional environment and energy initiatives are confirmed through the following

- 1. Green audit / Environment audit
- 2. Energy audit
- 3. Clean and green campus initiatives
- 4. Beyond the campus environmental promotion and sustainability activities

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Beyond the Campus Environmental Promotion and Sustainability Activities-<u>A Report</u>

2018-19

- Students participated in 'Environment Conservation Fest 2019' held at Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector-42, Chandigarh and won prizes in Pictionary Competition and Documentary Making. Anirudh of BCom III and Arpit of BBA II stood first in Pictionary Competition while Fahim and Kundan of BCA II bagged second prize in Documentary making.
- Ajay Kumar, Roll No.1292 of BA III Year got the third position in Poster Making Competition on Aug.16, 2018 organized by Environment Society 'HARITA' of Govt. Home Science College, Sector-10, Chandigarh to celebrate Akshay Urja Diwas 2018.
- The members of the faculty and students from various streams participated in a rally to mark the International Day for the Preservation of Ozone Layer on Sept. 15, 2018. The rally started from the campus of the College and encompassed the entire Sector 46, Chandigarh.

2019-20

- In collaboration with the Department of Environment Education, a Talk on 'The Environmental Cost of Economic Growth' was delivered on Aug. 21, 2019 by Sh. Devinder Sharma, an award-winning Indian journalist and an International Food Trade Analyst. An expert, critical thinker and a respected analyst in this field, Sh. Devinder Sharma shared his ideas and perspective on the assessment and management of the reoccurring economic and environmental crisis, which is highly acclaimed and adopted by govt. officials and policymakers.
- An Inter College Environment Fest on the theme 'Impact of Akshay Urja in India.' Was celebrated in commemoration of Akshay Urja Diwas. On this occasion, an event entitled 'New Energy for Sustainable Environment' was organized on Aug. 17, 2019 under the grant sanctioned by CREST, Chandigarh Administration. Dr Madhuri Rishi, Chairman, Dept. of Environment Studies, Panjab University, delivered a lecture on the need for harnessing energy in tune with ecology. Prof. Dr Rosy Walia Joshi, Principal of the college motivated the students for their efforts and stressed on adapting sustainable means of living and environment conservation.
- A Tree Walk was organized on Aug. 22, 2019 in collaboration with Chandigarh Tree Lovers Group (CTL), a city-based group of environmentalists and botanists. Around 100 students of the college participated in it and explored the campus and discovered 35 species of the commonly available North Indian varieties of plants. The students were guided by a team of tree experts, led by a founder member of the group, Mr. Harsh Mitter, (Retd. IFS), PCCF (WL) and CWLW, Himachal Pradesh.
- World Ozone Day was celebrated on Sept. 16, 2019, on the campus with great fervour. Department of Environment Education in collaboration with Dharini: Environment Awareness Society of the college organized a Rally to observe this day. Students and staff rallied through Sector- 46, Chandigarh raising slogans SAVE OZONE, SAVE ENVIRONMENT.
- Various activities like Best out of Waste Competition, a Workshop on Cloth / Paper Bag Making, a Pledge Taking Ceremony to curb Single-Use Plastic Menace and an Awareness Rally-cum-Campaign were organized to sensitize the students, faculty and general public on

the concerns over the use and misuse of plastic during a campaign on 'Plastic Free Chandigarh' held from Oct.22-24, 2019.

- An Anti-Cracker Campaign on the theme of 'Swachh Diwali- Green Diwali' was organized on Oct. 22, 2019. To begin the campaign, a Poster Making and Slogan Writing Competitions were organized for the students of various streams on the above said theme. Prohibiting the use of crackers, an oath was administered by the Principal of the college, Prof. Rosy Walia Joshi on Oct.23, 2019. In addition, an Awareness Rally was also organized on the same day.
- A One-Day RUSA sponsored National Workshop on 'Organic Farming & Waste Segregation' was organized on Nov.25, 2019. A lecture based on the importance of waste segregation in the solid waste management of domestic waste was delivered by Dr Geeta Arora, an expert and Associate Professor at Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh. The activity-based lecture trained the participants in the efficient segregation and management of solid waste. The lecture was followed by a demonstration in the herbal garden and an exhibition of different organic fertilizers and bio-pesticides. The Principal of the college, Prof. Rosy Walia Joshi motivated the staff and the students to make efforts for promoting a sustainable lifestyle.
- On the occasion of World Environment Day, a Virtual Inter-college Poster and Model Making Competitions were held on June 05, 2020. The results of the Poster Making Competition are

 Nikita Jindal, a student of MCM DAV College, Sector-36, Chandigarh clinched the first prize; Rashmita Subba, a student of Home Science College, Chandigarh stood second and the third prize was bagged by Tarandeep Kaur, a student of MCM DAV College, Sector-36, Chandigarh. The Model Making Competition was won by Mamta (first) of Post Graduate Government College, Sector-46, Chandigarh and Manvi (second) of Guru Gobind Singh College for Women, Sector-26, Chandigarh.

2020-21

- Wildlife Week was celebrated from October 02-08, 2020.Vipin Singh of BA-I won the first prize at Post Graduate Govt. College for Girls, Sec-11 in Logo Making Competition organized as a part of Wildlife Week celebrations on Oct. 09, 2020.
- In collaboration with 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) Club' and 'Dharini', the Environment Awareness Society of the college, a National webinar was organized on the topic 'Swachhta; Clean Air, Clean Water, Clean Agriculture' on Oct. 19, 2020. The main aim of this webinar was to create awareness about the cleanliness of the air, water and agriculture Dr Geeta Arora, Associate Professor, PEC, Chandigarh and Dr Bikram Singh Rana, State Liaison Officer, NSS Cell and Nodal officer of EBSB were the esteemed speakers of the event. Dr Bikram Singh Rana spoke about the need of emerging as a community together and also to unite to achieve the objective. In her talk, Dr Geeta Arora shared her valuable knowledge with everybody and explained various aspects of cleanliness.
- Department of Environment Education and 'Dharini'-Environment Awareness Society in collaboration with a non-government organization named 'Organic Sharing Foundation' organized an event to distribute exotic saplings at Post Graduate Govt. College, Sec-46, Chandigarh on Jan. 03 2021. The NGO also provided for the termite control treatment of the trees on the college campus.
- International Day of Forests was celebrated by organizing an online tour of World forests via an interactive website www.worldforestwatch.org. The activity was organized for students of different streams. It helped students to marvel at the mystical, life-supporting lungs of the planet as well as understand its importance in the ever-changing world.

- In collaboration with the Dharini-Environment Awareness Society, Earth Day was celebrated on Apr. 22, 2021 amidst the pandemic. An interesting inter-college activity was organized for students to depict their feelings for Mother Earth in a creative manner. The theme of the event was 'Do you feel for Earth?' Students had to vent out their feelings by creating an original earth emoticon/emoji. Entries were invited for both hand-drawn and digitally created emojis. Students from different colleges participated in the competition with great fervour. Nearly 50 entries were received from different colleges. The prize winners are First Prize: Satyajeet Negi, MCom-I, Post Graduate Govt. College, Sec-46, Chandigarh, Second Prize: Komal Kakkar, BSc-I; Govt. Home Science College, Chandigarh, Third Prize: Laghima Sharma, BSc-I, Govt. Home Science College, Chandigarh.
- A Virtual Rally and Oath Taking on the theme of Plastic Management were organized on May 28, 2021, in collaboration with 'Dharini'- Environment Awareness Society. Nearly 30 students participated in the event carrying slogans and posters generating mass awareness on the critical issue of plastic waste management. A pledge to fight the menace of plastics was administered to students by the teachers of the department.

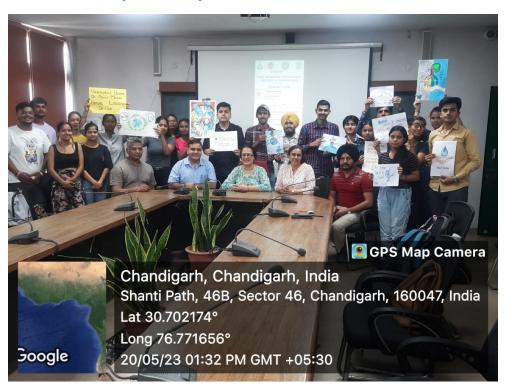
2021-22

- An event 'Akshay Urja Divas' was organised on August 25, 2021, by 'Dharini', the Environment Awareness Society and the Department of Environment Studies. Based on the theme-Impact of Akshay Urja in India, a plethora of competitions were organised at the Inter-college level including an online poster making competition, an online essay writing competition and an Eco-Rangoli Competition (offline mode). Nearly 50 entries were received from the students of different streams.
- As a part of Wildlife Week Celebrations, an Inter-college competition on 'World Animal Day' was organised on October 04, 2021. The day is celebrated to spread awareness among the masses for raising the status of animals in order to improve welfare standards around the globe. The students participated enthusiastically in the event with very creative and innovative ideas showing true compassion towards animals.
- A One-day field trip was organised to Siswan Dam and Nature Reserve, around 20 km away from Chandigarh, as a part of the practical work for Environment Conservation Elective students of BA I, II and III on April 13, 2022. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about the ecological aspects of the Dam and its working. Students accompanied by their teachers also went for a trek to the adjoining Nature Reserve and marvelled at the bountiful nature amongst the forest. It was a thorough learning as well as a rejuvenating excursion for the students.
- World Environment Week was celebrated from May 30 -June 05, 2022 and the students, teaching and non-teaching staff commuted to the college on bicycles.

2022-23

 Akshay Urja Divas was celebrated on August 25, 2022. The event was organized by the Department of Environment Studies in collaboration with the Dharini Environment Awareness Society and was sponsored by Chandigarh Renewable Energy, Science and Technology Promotion Society (CREST) Chandigarh Administration. This year the theme of the event was Impact of Akshay Urja in India. On this theme, a plethora of competitions were organized at the Inter-college level including Poster Making, Essay Writing and Eco Rangoli competitions. Nearly 50 entries were received from the students of different streams depicting their ideas of Green Energy creatively.

- Sponsored by the Department of Environment, Chandigarh Administration, One-Day Herbal Colour Making Workshop was organized on March 21, 2023. Sh. Om Prakash, Former Principal and Co-ordinator of Eco-Clubs, Chandigarh shared his expertise in the field of natural colours and other ecofriendly products. The workshop highlighted the different natural products and ingredients which could be used to prepare the herbal colours. Nearly 70 students and faculty members participated in the workshop and learnt a highly useful way of preparing safe and natural colours.
- A Field Excursion was organized by the Department of Environment Education in collaboration with the Environment Awareness Society 'Dharini' of the college to celebrate World Water Day on March 22, 2023. The field trip to Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary (Kansal gate) was conducted to give students on field learning experience in the concept of various life support systems like soil and forest ecosystems. The field trip was sponsored by the Department of Environment, Chandigarh Administration. Renowned ecologist and soil physicist Prof SS Grewal, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana accompanied the students on the field trip. He gave informative and valuable insights into the Forest Ecosystem. Range Forest Officer Mr Praveen Rao, also accompanied the student and gave an informative tour of the Kansal area of the Sanctuary. More than 50 students of the Environment Studies were present.



Beyond Campus Environment Activities

Poster Making Competition 20 May, 2023



Poster Making 20 May, 2023



Inter-College Environment Awareness Competition, 22 Apr, 2021



Rangoli Making Competition, August 25, 2021

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Chandigarh: Wood apple (Limonia Acidissima), a rare tree, was spotted at the Post Graduate Govern-ment College (PGGC), Sec-tor 46, Chandigarh on hursday during the tree plantation drive conduc-ted by the members of the Chandigarh Tree Lovers (CTL).

d to (CTL). The event was organi-sed by the CTL to familiari-ze students with tree speci-es and herbal plants. The organising secretary of CTL, Shelly Mathur sha-red that one needs to be aware of the city's green heritage. The eco club stu-dents were also told about ana at dents were also told about the state tree of Chandi-garh, Palash which was al-so planted in the college by Principal Rosy Walia Joshi and other staff mem-herskintlining menerskint of the CTL Aladimised flo-wering and shady trees,



GREEN HERITAGE: The event was organised by the CTL to familiarize students with tree species and herbal plants

like amaltas, jacaranda, gulmohar, fig and barota were also presented to the students.

A campus tree walk was conducted by Harsh Mit-ter, retired IFS officer, who told the scientific names of the trees and their uses to

the college students . He has also helped in identifying the names of the cam-pus trees. One of the experts pointed out that Wo-od apple is a rare tree which he hasn't seer of 19 this area in a very long ume.

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Chandigarh Tree Lovers Tree Walk, 22 Aug, 2019



Pledge to Save Environment, 22 Oct, 2019