

Celebration of International Literacy Day

Department of Life Long Learning & Extension(DLLL&E), Panjab University, Chandigarh in collaboration with Rural Environmental Enterprises Development Society (The REEDS) celebrated International Literacy Day at village Dhanas, Chandigarh, here today.

The celebration was marked at two different places of Village Dhanas, Rotary Club and Sehjjot Senior Secondary School of Village Dhanas, Chandigarh. While speaking to 30 women at Rotary Club, Dhanas, Prof. Sween from the Department highlighted the motto of Literacy Day Celebration is devoted to Literacy and Skill Development. She further, added that the vocational developing skills must be related to development, implantation and interventions of country's program to bring more of participation among women or any target group. Dr. Prabha Vig, Associate Professor, highlighted that Literacy is an important aspect of social process by bringing changes through awareness.

Awareness as literacy strives to adopt with the changing trends of one's profession and side by side helps to learn more and grow in better way. Dr. Monika from University Institute of Applied Management Sciences, Panjab University, Chandigarh imparted knowledge on financial schemes available to people of India for their Economic Upliftment. Here, she highlighted some schemes as; "Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojna", "Prime Minister Mudra Yojna" and so on.

Dr.Rajni Lamba C.E.O. REEDS enlightened women on quality aspects of becoming professionals. She say Quality is must these days for survival. The Celebration in continuation held a poster making competition at Sehjjot Senior Secondary School, Dhanas. 50 students participated in this competition. Dr. Parmjit Singh Kang, Chairperson, DLLL&E highlighted students the importance of literacy to enhance quality of life. He said that health, ethics, morals, social up gradation skills are all products of Literacy and Education. Principal of the school, Mr. Daljeet Singh awarded prizes to the students with Best three posters, 1st Harsh Sharma, 2nd Manisha and 3rd Mandeep Kaur.

Various Events of NB team from 2nd Feb-4th Feb

Celebrating World wetlands day with Department of Forests and Wildlife, Chandigarh Administration : Feb 2, 2018

Workshop on food security and vocational training at GMHS RC2, Dhanas : Feb 3, 2018

Workshop on food security and vocational training: Feb 4, 2018



CELEBRATION OF World Meteorological Day

On World Meteorological Day Mar 23, 2018 Natural Biodiversity Society collaborated with Indian Meteorological Department and arranged a visit of about 50 students of GMHS RC2 Sector 38 to weather observatory at Sector 39. Mr. Surender Paul Director, IMD expressed that it is need of hour to move jointly mitigating the climate changes and it is in benefit of all that such collaborations and visits to grow. Dr. Arun Bansal mentioned that his team is continuously working for the better awareness and development of skills among the common masses to contribute in mitigation measure at local level. Students of GMHS saw such observatory for the first time and they were extremely thrilled. Being a school situated in under privileged society they are always deprived of privileges. Principal of GMHS RC2 was all in praise of efforts made by Natural Biodiversity Society and IMD to reaching out to students of her school.



Awareness needs skill to Save Mother Earth

It would not be an exaggeration if we conclude that Earth is hotter than ever before since the life has come to existence. Mother Nature is under constant pressure of anthropogenic activities and climate is changing. We recently have witnessed floods in Kerala after news of drought in many regions of the country. Our ancient practices had peace imbued in civil life and almost no part of waste produced was garbage but material for reuse and recycle. Thankfully some people have taken steps to explore those values and inculcate the peace for Nature and environment in modernized life style and times.

Social Substance a group working for the cause is actively involved into research, analysis, propagation & mitigation measures etc. The group has conducted eighty seven activities so far on various themes. On Aug 25, 2018, the group organized four activities joining hands with UNESCO Network Chair, P-Square, Eco-Logic, Soaring Eagles Club, GMSSS 19, GMHS 29, and GMHS RC2 Dhanas.

First event was at GMSSS, Sec 19 C, Chandigarh where a nature walk cum workshop on environmental values was organized for about fifty students of school. It was pointed out that health issues are growing day by day due to insufficient outgoing in Sunshine and unhealthy food habits. Children were made aware of the fact that Mother Nature has medicinal values for their bodies. They need to live closer to plants and trees. Habit of bird watching and observing their behavior was out into focus. Ms. Suman from school expressed that it was a practical and healthy way of teaching and learning. She was positive on conducting more of such events in future! Mr. Puneet Arora, Sh. Navtej Singh, and Dr. Arun Bansal were resource persons for the workshop.

Second Event of the day was at Sector 39, Government Model High School where a competition 'Rakhi Making' was organized to indoctrinate Global Peace for Nature, Environment, and Biodiversity through Indian Traditional Values. About sixty students from school participated in the workshop and results were pure bliss. Students outperformed all the expectation of organizers. Teachers were committed to organize the same again in near future. Mr. Paras and Ms. Pragya from P-Square conducted the workshop.

Third Event was organized at Government Model High School RC-2 Dhanas where about hundred students were made aware of traffic rules and hazards of disobeying the same. Mr. Michaelangelo Francis, Mr. Gulshan Singh Bhinder, Ms. Ira Bogra, and Mr. Tony Thomas were

resource persons from Soaring Eagles Club. Students pledged at the end of session to stay abide by rules. The impact of vehicles on pollution and climate was also discussed.

Fourth event was conducted at Alumni House, Panjab University. With UNESCO Network Chair of Panjab University the aim was to propagate the peace within and for nature, environment, biodiversity, climate etc. The theme of 'Mehndi and Rakhi Making' competition was 'Global Peace and Wealth out of Waste'. About thirty participants in two categories i.e. senior and junior appeared for the competition. The output was amazing. Dr. Manish Sharma and Sh. Parveen Jaggi who judged the output expressed that participants had well understood the theme and came up with novel thoughts to interpret. They particularly mentioned a designed where all the religions were illustrated in unison. A participant used pencil peels to make the Rakhi.

Dr. Arun Bansal who coordinated all the events expressed that he model is getting recognition and he operates on zero cost and based on collaborative model using online resources such as Social Substance, a facebook based group. He apprised that it is not mere competition but a philosophy and he is utilizing his all Saturdays to serve the society.



Nurture Nature While Learning English Language’ at Government Model High School Dhanas

Needs of students may be diversified but core of learning is harmony with nature. This harmony is must to lead a joyful and glorious life. It is above all other needs including job and earning a livelihood. Social Substance is traversing a complete life cycle with its philosophy and it has found by research that modern life style is driven by the physical needs rather than spiritual needs. Converting this weakness as an opportunity, the need of students was served by practical sessions this Friday Aug 31, 2018 at Government Model High School-RC2, Dhanas.

Sh. Madhusheel Arora, Assistant Editor, Hindustan Times and Sh. Hemant Singh Rana, Senior Copy Editor, The Tribune conducted a workshop ‘Nurture Nature While Learning English Language’. In a unique concept the students were taught English Language but the content was driven in accordance to nurture habits for concord with nature. About fifty students from various classes 6-10 were selected by teachers of school based on their needs. Two sessions i.e. spoken and written English were conducted. Mr. Amit Ghildiyal, IT Manager took a session on Time Management and taught students to manage their effective learning time at home.

Dr. Arun Bansal who coordinated the workshop emphasized that basic needs were changing and study must lead to a blissful life. Ms. Ravinder Kaur, Principal of the School mentioned that she is taking every possible measure to provide resources to teachers and students. She would be planning soon such a workshop for teachers also.



Health Camp at Khuda Ali Sher Village

A health camp was conducted at Khuda Ali Sher in which 126 patients were registered - 78 females and 48 males. 30 residents got their dental check up done at the camp. The IGNOU social work PU students in collaboration with GMCH 32 conducted this camp under the supervision of Dr Monica Munjial Singh Asst Coordinator IGNOU Social Work and the cooperation was rendered by the president youth club Mr Gurpreet Singh and his team.



WORLD TB DAY CELEBRATED BY BIOCHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT PU CHANDIGARH

Swachh Bharat to Swastha Bharat -- message for World TB Day at PU

Department of Biochemistry, Panjab university Chandigarh organised a sensitization drive to commemorate the World TB day, initiated by Prof Archana Bhatnagar, here today. The program began at Government Senior Secondary school, Khuda lahora, in the presence of Principal Mrs.Kiran Bala, staff and students.

Prof. Bhatnagar explained to the students the causes, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment modules available for fighting TB in very simple yet informative manner. To ensure that the message is driven home, videos, quiz and games were made part of the event. Students of the department of Biochemistry also interacted with the students to break common myths about TB. The gathering was also made aware of the facilities given by the Government to TB patients and how one can avoid this deadly disease by observing simple rules of hygiene, diet, fresh air and exercise. How simple breath related exercises can help in keeping away the disease was demonstrated by Prof.Bhatnagar, yoga practitioner herself giving message of making Swachh Bharat to Swastha Bharat . The program ended with an oath by all to become leaders who will fight TB away from the State and in turn, from the country.

