

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION

Press Release

Eco Club Day celebrations

Chandigarh, 7th July, 2017: To observe Van Mahotsav-2017 in a befitting manner by involving various Greening agencies like NGOs, Resident Welfare Associations, Eco-Clubs besides Government agencies, Department of Forests & Wildlife, Chandigarh Administration organized '**Eco Club Day**' today, during which various schools planted saplings within their school premises. The ceremonial function organized by department in collaboration with Environmental NGO – Yuvsatta, was held at Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Sector 10, UT Chandigarh in which Sh. Anurag Agarwal, IAS, Home Secretary-cum-Secretary (Forests & Sci. & Tech. & RE), UT Chandigarh was the Chief Guest.

On this occasion, Chief Guest planted the sapling of 'Jacaranda' at school premises. Other Officers and Principal of the Chandigarh Administration and the School also planted saplings in the school premises.

After planting the sapling, Chief Guest inaugurated 70 kWp Grid tied Rooftop Solar Photovoltaic Power Plant at Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Sector 10, UT Chandigarh.

He 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.

Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS, CCF & Director (Science & Technology), UT, Chandigarh informed that 70 kWp Rooftop SPV Power Plant has been installed by CREST (Chandigarh Renewal Energy, Science & Technology Promotion Society) . The total cost of the Project is Rs.63.42 Lac which include operation & maintenance charge for 10 years. M/s Jakson Engineers Limited, Noida, is

the contracting firm who has installed this Solar Power Plant. The Plant shall be able to generate 84,000 kWh (units) per year.

During the function, Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests & Director (Sci. & Tech. & RE), Sh. Birendra Choudhary, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests (HQ), Mrs. Rajinder Kaur, Distt Education Officer UT, Mrs. Krishna Choudhary, S.M.O. Civil Dispensary Sec.45 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 100 school students and NSS Cadets and representatives from NGOs and Resident Welfare Associations.

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, Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS exhorted the students to take active part in plantation in open areas and should make Chandigarh city more clean & green.

In another event, the 'NGO Day' was celebrated in collaboration with NGO – Youth Innovative Society, which was held at Govt. Model High School, Sec. 29, UT Chandigarh wherein Chief Guest- Sh.Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests & Director (Environment) , UT Chandigarh planted a sapling in the school premises and has given the message to the students to plant more & more trees during vanmahotsava week.