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Weekly report of Green Good Deeds

(16 to 23 June, 2021) Organized by MCM Eco-Club To celebrate

'BHARAT KA AMRUT MAHOTSAV'

The 75th Anniversary of India's Independence

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1. VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON THE THEME "HOW FOOD RESIDUE CAN BE TURNED TO COMPOST?"

Activity coordinators: Dr. Bhavna Sood & Dr. Ritu Khosla

Date: 17 June, 2021

Number of participants: 50 students and 11 teachers

Objective:

• To give the participants a detailed background on composting.

Context: Food waste has unique properties as a raw compost agent. Composting is the natural process of decomposition and recycling of organic material into a humus rich soil known as compost. Compost benefits the environment and helps to improve the structure of soil to support healthy plants.

Practice: Ms. Saranjeet Kanwal, the Resource person from Bhavan Vidyalaya, Chandigarh emphasized upon the importance of kitchen waste segregation and discussed four different ways to convert wet waste into black gold, the compost. She explained the process of vermicomposting followed by composting in pits, pots, and the method for converting compost into liquid fertilizer. She further discussed the benefits of compost in improving soil quality to promote healthy growth of plants.

Outcome: As many as 50 students and 11 teachers attended the workshop and learned about the methods of converting food residue into compost.







2. AN INTERACTIVE SESSION BASED ON THE THEME "DON'T OVERFILL FUEL TANK, IT IS HARMFUL TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO THE CAR ENGINE"

Activity coordinator: Dr. Pallavi Gupta

Date: 19 June, 2021

Number of participants: 75 students and 04 teachers

Objective:

• To create awareness among students regarding harmful effects of overfilled fuel tanks on the vehicles and the environment

Context: Overfilling petrol tank is not only bad for the vehicle and the pocket, but for the environment as well. Just like filling stations, the vehicles also have a vapour-recovery system. This evaporativeemissions system is designed to capture and collect fuel vapours from the tank, store them in a canister and then, upon start-up, introduce them into the induction system through an evap valve. This includes a small separate tank-within-a-tank in many vehicles, plus a charcoal canister and its plumbing. Overfilling can damage this system and lead to the vehicle malfunctioning. Also, the fuel expands as it warms up. If we overfill the tank, this fuel can find its way into the vapour-collection system of the car which can cause the system to malfunction and affect the vehicle's efficiency.

Practice: To mark the celebration of "Bharat ka Amrut Mahotsav, 75th Anniversary of India's Independence, the Department of Physics in collaboration with Renewable Energy committee and MCM Eco-Club organized an interactive session on June 19, 2021. In this session, students discussed detrimental effects of overfilling the fuel tanks. Ms. Khushi and Ms. Tamanna, students of B.Sc. I Non-Medical presented their views through power-point presentation. They informed that modern fuel tanks include an air space to allow for expansion of the fuel as temperatures change. If the air gap is filled with fuel, the fuel may have no room to expand as it heats up during the day. This may result in leaking of fuel out of the vehicle. Fuel leaks are a fire risk. Fuel leaking into the environment can also contaminate soil and ground water.

Evidence of Success: As many as 72 students and 4 teaching staff members participated in this session. The participants got encouraged not to get their fuel tanks overfilled so as to stop damage to the car engine and the environment.







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3. ONLINE POWER POINT PRESENTATION ON THE THEME "REUSE THE WASTE WATER OF REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER PURIFYING SYSTEMS FOR GARDENING PURPOSE"

Date: 20 June, 2021

Name of the Coordinator: Dr. Deepika Malik

Number of participants: 40 students

Objectives:

- To understand the importance of reusing waste water
- To spread awareness of reusing wastewater generated from Reverse Osmosis water purifying systems for gardening purpose

Context: Most Indian homes use reverse osmosis (RO) water purifiers. These RO systems are necessary for purifying water, but reverse osmosis systems waste a lot of water. The rejected water by RO has high TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) levels which make this water undrinkable and unsafe not only for humans but for animals as well. Therefore, instead of wasting, the waste RO water can be used for watering plants.

Practice: The Department of Food Science and MCM Eco-Club organized an Online Power point presentation on the topic "Reuse the waste water of Reverse Osmosis water purifying systems for gardening purpose" on 20th June, 2021. The students of B.Sc. I MFT participated in the event. With relevance to the theme, participants presented their ideas and understanding on reusing waste water generated by the use of RO water purifiers, for gardening purposes. Since this waste water is usually high in TDS, it is better to dilute it with some normal tap water and then use it in the garden. This is because high TDS water can reduce the fertility of soil in the long term.

Evidence of Success: Participants made power point presentations to illustrate their ideas. The activity was quite informative as volunteers were able to generate awareness about the reuse of waste water of Reverse Osmosis water purifying systems for gardening purpose.





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