Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women Sector-36A, Chandigarh (U.T.)

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Report of Green Good Deeds

(01 to 31 August, 2021) Organized by MCM Eco-Club To celebrate

'BHARAT KA AMRUT MAHOTSAV'

The 75th Anniversary of India's Independence

Dr. Neetu & Dr. Sarabjeet Kaur Coordinators Dr. Nisha Bhargava Convener & Principal

1. ONLINE SESSION ON "INTRODUCTION TO BIRDING"

Activity coordinator: Ms. Kadambari Pathania

Date: 05 August, 2021

Number of participants: 50 students & 02 teachers

Objectives:

- To introduce birding as a hobby
- To help students observe and identify birds in the college campus

Context: Birding or bird-watching involves the observation and identification of wild birds in their natural habitat. Birding is a low-cost hobby that requires only three things to get started- bird guide, binoculars and positive attitude. A number of websites and mobile apps also help with bird information, and may offer assistance in species identification.

Practice: The team of the Department of Zoology has been involved in recording different birds in the college premises for the last 8 months and has identified around 45 bird species. Ms. Kadambari Pathania gave a presentation on 05 August, 2021 on the topic of birding and motivated the students to participate in recording the on-campus avian fauna. Students were told about the various ways in which they can identify birds using visual and audio cues and were advised to inculcate the skill of being patient when observing birds in their natural habitat.

Evidence of Success: 50 students of B.Sc. II Medical participated in this activity. A few students started photographing and observing the birds in the campus and at their homes, and showed interest in learning ways for identifying birds around them. The department is planning to organize a bird walk for the students to extend the knowledge given through this session.



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WHY BIRDING?

Birding provides us with a wonderful excuse to observe and reacquaint ourselves with the natural world around us. It brings us closer to nature and allows us to forget the routine and chaos of urban life, even if for a little while.

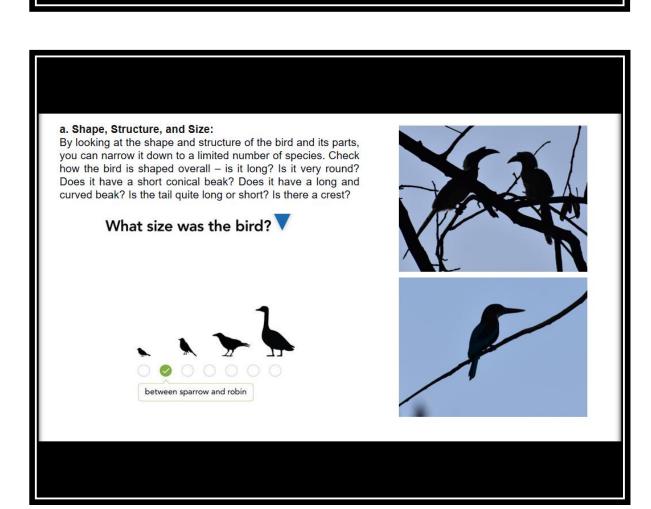




Birding may lead you to: • discover and acknowledge relationships within nature,

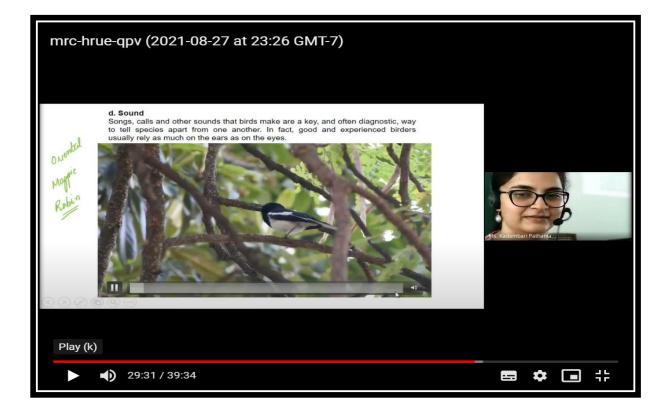
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to understand patterns, seasons, changes in the environment
it may also help you in answering questions regarding climate change, migration routes, and so on.



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e. Habitat

Where you are (and when) usually dictates what species you'll see. Identification of birds is often a game of probabilities and accounting for your location, the habitat and the seasons can help you rule out species unlikely to be encountered at a particular place and time.



2. POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON THE THEME "USE OF BIODIESEL VERSUS DIESEL"

Activity Coordinators: Dr. Divya Sharma & Ms. Kadambari Pathania

Date: 10 August, 2021

Number of participants: 56 students & 03 teachers

Objective: To understand the economic and environmental importance of Biodiesel

Context: Being green is more than just buying "eco". It is an unwavering commitment to a sustainable lifestyle. Every year 10th August is celebrated as 'International Biodiesel Day' to raise awareness about unconventional and eco-friendly fuel sources that can serve as an alternative to fossil fuels. The theme for 2021 is 'Promotion of Biofuels for a better environment.'

Practice: The Department of Zoology organized a PowerPoint presentation on the theme "Biodiesel versus Diesel" by Ms. Tanvi Shekhawat and Ms. Aarya Sharma of B.Sc. III Medical. The practice of using renewable sources plays a vital role in sustainable development. Biodiesel is an eco-friendly, clean burning and stable fuel. The preparation, properties and usage of biodiesel and diesel were discussed in an elaborate and comparative manner.

Evidence of Success: All the participants were students of B.Sc. III Medical. The students came to know about the importance of biodiesel in reducing greenhouse gas emissions thus decreasing global warming. The students were encouraged to spread awareness about the practice of using biodiesel among others.







3. CELEBRATION OF AKSHAY URJA DIWAS-2021

Activity Coordinators: Dr. Neetu & Dr. Sarabjeet Kaur

Date: 20 August, 2021

Number of participants: 70 students & 03 teachers

Context: National Akshaya Urja Diwas is celebrated every year on 20th August to mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister, late Sh. Rajiv Gandhi. It is an awareness campaign initiated in 2004 by the Indian Ministry for New & Renewable Energy Sources to promote the use of renewable energy such as- biogas, solar Energy, wind energy, and hydroelectricity.

Practice: Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh celebrated the Akshay Urja Diwas by organizing an online Popular Akshay Urja Lecture sponsored by Chandigarh Renewable

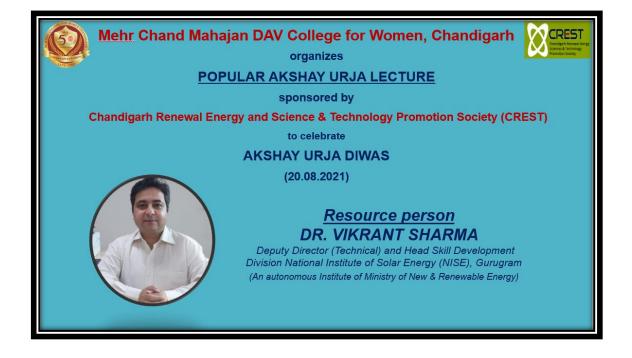
Energy and Science & Technology Promotion Society (CREST) on 20.08.2021. Dr. Vikrant Sharma, Deputy Director (Technical) and Head, Skill Development Division, National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), Gurugram, was invited as resource person for the event. Dr. Vikrant gave an overview on the use of solar energy technologies and the renewable energy targets set by the government for the year 2022. Dr. Sharma pointed out the importance of the need of skilled manpower. Employment generation, eco-friendly energy generation, sustainability of other energy resources for a longer period of time, are some of the significant advantages elucidated by Dr. Vikrant Sharma in the lecture. He motivated the students to take up experiments and projects to get familiar with the use of solar energy and encouraged the college to extend the ongoing projects on renewable energy usage in the college.

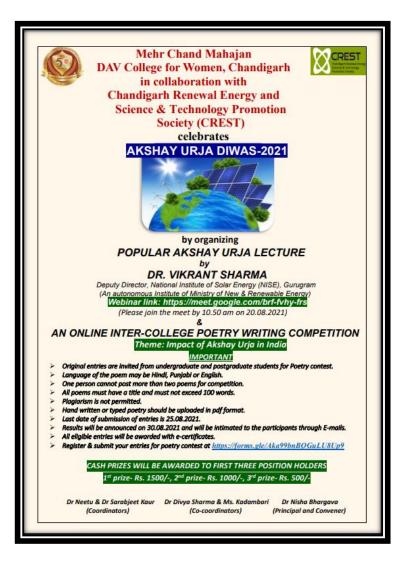
An online inter-college poetry writing competition sponsored by CREST was also organized on the theme 'Impact of Akshay Urja in India''. As many as 20 students from different colleges of Chandigarh, participated in the event.

Evidence of success: The participants learned about the significance of adopting renewable energy as an effective alternative to the scarce traditional energy resources.

PRIZE	NAME OF THE PARTICIPANT	CLASS	INSTITUTION
FIRST	NAMRATA JAIN	B.Sc. III	PG Govt. College for Girls, Sector-11,
(Rs. 1500/-)		(Non-Medical)	Chandigarh
SECOND	MUSKAAN	B.A. II	Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for
(Rs. 1000/-)	SACHDEVA		Women, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh
THIRD	MEGHA	B.Sc. II	PG Govt. College for Girls, Sector-42,
(Rs. 500/-)		(Non-Medical)	Chandigarh

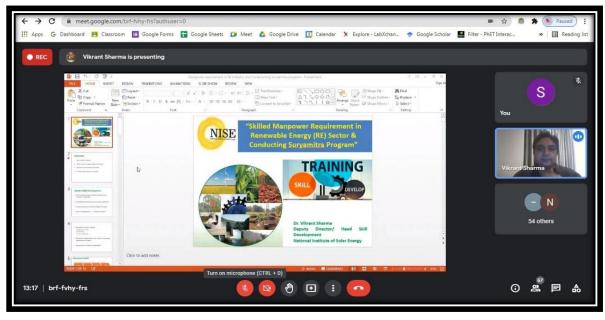
The results of the poetry contest are as follows:















MCM celebrates Akshay Urja Diwas



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4. SHOWCASING A DOCUMENTARY TITLED "THE DARK SECRET BEHIND YOUR SHINY MAKEUP"

Activity Coordinator: Dr. Shafila

Date: 26 August, 2021

No. of participants: 36 students (12- offline, 24- online)

Objectives:

- To make students aware about the impact of mining on human health and environment
- To acquaint them with the role of shiny makeup as indoor pollutant

Context: Mining is an invasive process that damages the environment to a great extent. Mining process, specifically mining of Mica, not only causes serious health hazards among the workers but also leads to massive environmental devastation like deforestation, loss of wildlife, contamination of surface water, groundwater and soil. This sparkle, Mica, is added to eyeshadow, nail polish and lipstick by numerous global cosmetic industries at a tremendous human and environmental cost. The shimmery and colorful material in cosmetics is associated with major health risks on long term inhalation. Therefore, it is requisite to educate young girls about the hazards of shiny material found in almost all the cosmetics.

Practice: Department of Environment Science of the college showcased a documentary titled "The Dark Secret Behind Your Shiny Makeup" to the young girls of M.Sc.- II (Chemistry) on 26.08.2021 in order to make them aware about the environmental impacts as well as the health hazards of mining process. They were also informed that the use of shiny material, Mica, in cosmetics may pose serious health issues if one is exposed to the same more often.

Evidence of Success: Over 36 students watched the documentary and acquired the knowledge on the issue. Many of the attendees have stopped using shimmery makeup on regular basis.







