



GREENING CHANDIGARH ACTION PLAN 2015-2016 Chandigarh Administration

CHAPTER-II

REVIEW OF GREENING CHANDIGARH ACTION PLAN 2014-15

TARGETS. ACHIEVEMENTS & OTHERS ACTIVITIES.

Chandigarh Administration reiterates its commitment towards greener and cleaner Chandigarh. The hard work supplemented by sustained campaign and much needed technical inputs have yielded commendable results.

During the year 2014-15, Forest department have achieved 100% plantation targets. During the year 55,000 (No. of Saplings), 1,00,000 no. of stem cutting of Arundo-donax (a soil binder plant) and Ipomea and 3,00,000 number of Patch-sowing were planted as per details given in Table-1.

It will not be out of place to mention that the institutions namely Forest Department, Municipal Corporation, Engineering

Department, Punjab Agriculture University- Chandigarh, NGOs, Resident Welfare Associations, Educational Institutions and above all, the strong will and farsightedness of the Administration contributed a lot towards the success of this programme. The contribution, dedications and genuine concern of the proud citizens of the 'City Beautiful' to make the city greener needs special mention. Encouraged by the previous year's results, the Forest Department in collaboration with Municipal Corporation and Engineering Department had chalked out a programme to continue the efforts with the renewed zeal during year 2014-15. An exhaustive and comprehensive plantation plan for the year 2014-15 was prepared.

Achievement of Plantations raised during 2014-15 (Table-1)

S. No.	Department/ Organization	No. of saplings		No. of stem cuttings of Arundo-donax & Ipomea plants		No. of patch-sowing (seed sowing)	
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
A) 1.	Forest Department	55000	55000	100000	100000	300000	300000
2.	Municipal Corporation,	58000	58436	-	-	-	-
3.	Horticulture Division, Engineering Department	30477	30477	-	-	-	-
B) I)	Free distribution of saplings by Forest Department to Educational	40000	40000	-	-	-	-

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	Institutions, Religious Institutions, NGO's etc						
B) II)	Distribution/ selling of saplings by Hort.Wing of Municipal Corpn. and Engg. Deptt.	25000	25600	-	-	-	-
	Total:	208477	209513	100000	100000	300000	300000

*Achievements up to 28st February , 2015

Plantation and other Achievements during 2014-15:

Celebration of World Environment Day:

The World Environmental Day was celebrated on 5th June 2014 at Sukhna Lake Club Parking Area, Chandigarh. Sh.K.K.Sharma, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator was the Chief Guest on the occasion. To celebrate the World Environment in a befitting manner, the Department in collaboration with youth Innovative Society, Chandigarh organized an Environment Awareness Cycle Rally which was flagged off by Sh.K.K.Sharma, IAS, Adviser to Administrator, Chandigarh

Administration. Around 200 NSS Volunteers of UT Chandigarh colleges and schools participated in this event.

On this occasion, the "Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2014-15" was released by the Chief Guest. The Annual Greening Chandigarh Action Plan is a guiding tool for all the greening agencies of Chandigarh Administration to strategies effectively to fulfill their commitment of making City Beautiful more clean & green.



Sh.K.K.Sharma IAS Adviser to Administrator releasing the Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2014-15 on 5th June, 2014 at Sukhna Lake Club Parking Area, Chandigarh.

"Poverty & the Environment - we have to break the Vicious Circle"



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Sh. K.K. Sharma, IAS, Adviser to Administrator, UT Chandigarh, flagging off Cycle Rally on 5th June, 2014, at Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh

Celebration of Vanmahotsava- 2014:

Vanmahotsava 2014 was celebrated in a befitting manner by all the Greening Agencies during the month of July-August. Department of Forests & Wildlife organized various plantation programmes to mark the event and to sensitize the masses for protection and conservation of trees.

Following activities were organized by the department during Vanmahotsava-2014:-

1. **Paudha Mela:** To sensitize the public for

plantation on one hand & to provide them a common place to collect saplings of various tree & medicinal & herbal plants, a Paudha Mela was organized by Department of Forests & Wildlife in collaboration with Horticulture wings of Engineering Department & Municipal Corporation during 24th to 26th July, 2014 at Parking Place of Lake Sports Complex Chandigarh. Sh.K.K.Sharma, IAS, Adviser to Administrator, UT Chandigarh inaugurated Paudha Mela on 24th July, 2014.



Sh. K.K. Sharma, IAS, Advisor to Administrator, UT Chandigarh inaugurated Paudha Mela on 24th July, 2014, at Parking Place of Lake Sports Complex, Chandigarh.

"Result count-not long hours of effort"



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An overwhelming response was received from the citizens of Chandigarh & the Paudha Mela

became a successful event for the launch of Vanmahotsava-2014.



Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS, Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Chandigarh Administration, UT Chandigarh, planting a 'Kachnar' sapling during "Paudha Mela 2014".

After inauguration of 'Paudha Mela', the Chief Guest went to IRB Campus Sarangpur, Chandigarh, where he launched the 'Plantation Drive' 2014 at the site and planted '*Alstonia scholaris* (*Saptaparni*)' sapling. The event was organized by Department of Forests & Wildlife in collaboration with Chandigarh Police. On this occasion, Sh. Anil Kumar, IAS, Home Secretary, Sh. Vivek Partap, IAS, Secretary Environment & Forests, Sh. R.P. Upadhaya, IPS

Inspector General of Police, UT, Chandigarh, Mrs Perna Puri, IAS, Secretary I.T., Shri Santosh Kumar, IFS, Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chandigarh Administration and other senior officers of the Administration planted 'Kachnar' saplings. It was attended by more than 200 school students, representatives from NGOs and Resident Welfare Association.

"Raise your voice, not the sea level."



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Sh.K.K.Sharma, IAS, Adviser to Administrator, UT Chandigarh distributing sapling to the citizens of Chandigarh on 24th July, 2014 during Paudha Mela 2014 at Parking Place of Lake Sports Complex, Chandigarh.

2. **Eco-Club Day:** To generate awareness among the school students massive plantation drive was carried out by Forest Department in collaboration with the School Eco-Clubs. 'Eco Club Day' was celebrated on 27th July, 2014 in Govt. Model High School, Sec - 7, Chandigarh. Sh.Kuldeep Sharma, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests, UT Chandigarh, was the Chief Guest. The overall objective of celebrating the 'Eco Club Day' was 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. The Eco-Club Day was celebrated all across Chandigarh by all Eco-clubs.
3. **NGO Day:** A large number of Non-Governmental Organizations are registered with the Forest Department under Partnership Initiative Programme. All the registered NGOs were requested to take up plantation in their respective areas during the monsoon season. The saplings were distributed by the Department of Forests free of cost. Ceremonial function of NGO Day was organized on 26th July, 2014 at

Govt. Model Senior Secondary School Sector 16-D, Chandigarh, with the collaboration of Lions Club Chandigarh Central. Sh. Santosh Kumar, Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, UT Chandigarh, was the Chief Guest. Another Programme was organized at Nari Niketan Sector 26, Chandigarh, wherein the Secretary Welfare was the Chief Guest. During this day around 50 NGOs/ individuals planted more than 1000 saplings within their Sectors/ Colonies.

4. **Herbal Day:** To sensitize all the stakeholders the importance of Medicinal/Herbal Plants in day to day life, Department of Forests & Wildlife celebrated 'Herbal Day' on 30th July, 2014 in the Municipal Corporation Rose Nursery at Sec-23, Chandigarh. Sh. Anil Kumar, IAS, Home Secretary was the Chief Guest. On this occasion he planted Saplings of 'Shatavari'. The overall objective of celebrating the Herbal Day was to sensitize the masses to generate awareness about the medicinal values of various plants available in nature and to make Chandigarh more Clean and Green City.



Sh. Anil Kumar, IAS, Home Secretary, Chandigarh Administration, UT Chandigarh, planting a Sapling of 'Shatavari' at Municipal Corporation Rose Nursery at Sec-23, Chandigarh.

"Confidence is a thing that cannot be produced by compulsion"



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The ceremonial function was attended by Sh. Kuldeep Sharma, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sh. Krishan Pal Singh, Executive Engineer, Chandigarh Municipal Corporation, Sh. Om Prakash, Co-ordinator/ Overall In charge of all Eco Clubs and Various NGOs. Sh. Anil Kumar, IAS, Home Secretary, also

distributed the saplings of herbal plants to the school students and Teachers & emphasized about the need of herbal plants in curing of our day-to-day health problems and exhorted school students to be sensitive towards nature and plant more & more trees so as to make Chandigarh a cleaner City.



Sh. Anil Kumar, IAS, Home Secretary, Chandigarh Administration was the Chief Guest, during his visit to Herbal Garden on the occasion of Herbal Day occasion on 30th July, 2014, in the Municipal Corporation Rose Nursery at Sec-23, Chandigarh.

"To improve is to change, to aim for perfection is to change often"



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5. Resident Welfare Association (RWA)

Day: To sensitize the RWAs, Department of Forests requested them to carry out plantation in their respective Sectors/ Colonies, to celebrate Resident Welfare Association (RWA) Day. A ceremonial function was organized on 28th July, 2014 at Municipal Corporation Nursery Sec-23, Chandigarh.

WILDLIFE WEEK 2014

To spread the message of conserving our Natural Heritage, especially Wild Flora and Fauna, every year department of Forests and

Wildlife, celebrates Wildlife week during first week of October month. Wildlife week 2014 was celebrated by Department of Forest and Wildlife, UT, Chandigarh by the organization of "Nature and Wildlife Trek" on 2nd October, 2014 coinciding with the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi inside Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary. The 'Nature and Wildlife Trek' was flagged off by Shri K.K. Sharma, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, UT Chandigarh at Nepli at 06:30 A.M. hrs.



Sh.K.K.Sharma, IAS, Adviser to Administrator, UT Chandigarh, Flagging off Wildlife Rescue Vehicle on 2.10.2014 during the celebration of Wildlife Week 2014 in Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Department of Forests & Wildlife, Chandigarh Administration celebrated 'Wildlife Week-2014' during first week of October, from 2nd to 8th October, to sensitize the masses for protection and conservation of

Wildlife and its habitat. On this occasion, Hon'ble Sh.K.K.Sharma, IAS, the Adviser to the Administrator, UT, Chandigarh has released a Special Postal Cover on 2nd October, 2014.

"You cannot give away kindness, it will always come back to you"



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Sh. K.K.Sharma, IAS, Adviser to Administrator, UT Chandigarh Releasing of Special Postal Cover during Wildlife Week 2.10.2014 at Kansal Forest Log Hut, Chandigarh.



Sh.B.S.Bhalla, IAS, Secretary Forests & Environment, Chandigarh Administration, flagging off Nature Wildlife Trek on 2.10.2014 during the celebration of Wildlife Week 2014, in Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary.



Participant of Nature & Wildlife Trek on the Trekking route from Nepli to Kansal Log Hut (7km) on 2nd October, 2014, during celebration of Wildlife Week 2014.

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Swachh Bharat Abhiyan:

On 2nd October, 2014, A Nature & Wildlife Trek was organized by Forests & Wildlife Department from Nepli to Kansal where more than 300 people participated. At the end of Trek at Kansal Log Hut, the chief Guest

Sh.K.K.Sharma, IAS, Adviser to Administrator, UT Chandigarh first administered the pledge for “Swachh Bharat” to all present including Trekkers as part of series of events being organized all across the country under the “National Sanitation Campaign”.



Sh.K.K.Sharma, IAS, Adviser to Administrator, Chandigarh Administration, UT Chandigarh, taking the Pledge of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on 02nd October, 2014, during Wildlife Week in Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary.

At Paryavaran Bhawan also, the similar pledge was taken by all employees and after the speech, all employees of the Paryavaran Bhawan Building were asked to participate voluntarily in the Cleanliness Drive. Immediately, large number of employees of Forests, Environment, Science & Technology, CREST and Pollution Control Committee came to the forefront to clean the floors/ rooms by taking the brooms in their hands and openly started cleaning the grounds. In a short while, the entire grounds were cleaned by a group of staffs.

Under the “National Sanitation Campaign” the Government of India has decided to launch “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan” on 2nd October, 2014. For expanding the support for keeping City Beautiful more clean and Swachh,

Department of Forests & Environment, Chandigarh Administration in collaboration with Environmental NGO – Youth Innovative Society, has also organized 'Bicycle Rally' which was flagged off by the Chief Guest – Sh.B.S.Bhalla, IAS, Worthy Secretary (Environment & Forests), UT Chandigarh from Sukhna Lake Club parking area on 16th October, 2014 at 8:00 A.M. Around 200 participants of NSS units of UT Chandigarh, Schools, Chandigarh Amateur Cycling Association, participated in this event. The aim of this Cycle Rally was to spread the message of Clean & Swachh the City Beautiful and Environment Conservation among various Stakeholders of the society, to promote cycling in the City.

“Environment and Shelter: More Than A Roof”



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'Environment Awareness Cycle Rally' flagged off by Sh.B.S.Bhalla, IAS, Secretary Forests & Environment, Chandigarh Administration at Sukhna Lake Club Parking area on 16th October, 2014.



Visit of Dr.S.S.Garbyal, IFS, Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India, on 28th February, 2015 at Plantation site (16.71 acres) under Campa afforestation maintained by UT, Forest Department at village Maloya.

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