



CHAPTER-2

REVIEW OF GREENING CHANDIGARH ACTION PLAN 2017-18

TARGETS, ACHIEVEMENTS & OTHERS ACTIVITIES

Department of Forests & Wildlife, UT of Chandigarh repeatedly & very beautifully committed towards greener and cleaner Chandigarh. The hard work supplemented by sustained campaign and much needed technical inputs have yielded commendable results.

During the year 2017-18, the Greening Agencies have made all out efforts to achieve their plantation target i.e. 2,35,000 (No. of Saplings), 1,50,000 no. of stem cutting of *Arundo-donax* (a soil binder plant) and 3,00,000 number of Patch-sowing were carried out as per details given in Table-1.

It will be very appropriate to mention that the institutions namely Forest Department, Municipal Corporation, Engineering Department, Punjab Agriculture University-Chandigarh, NGOs, Resident Welfare Associations, Educational Institutions & farmers and above all, the strong will and farsightedness of the Administration contributed a lot towards the success of this programme. The contribution, dedication 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



Stand for forests



Department, Chandigarh in collaboration with Municipal Corporation and Engineering Department, Chandigarh had chalked out a programme to continue the efforts with the renewed zeal during year 2017-18. The achievements are more than 100% as detailed below:

Achievement of Plantations raised during 2017-18 (Table-1)

S.N.	Department/ Organization	No. of saplings planted		No. of stem cuttings of Arundo-donax plants		No. of patch-sowing (seed sowing)	
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
A) 1.	Forest Department	60,000	72,900	150000	150000	300000	300000
2.	Municipal Corporation,	40,000	40,150	-	-	-	-
3.	Horticulture Division, Engineering Department	20,000	20,036	-	-	-	-
B) i)	Free distribution of saplings by Forest Department to Educational Institutions, Religious Institutions, NGO's etc	50,000	55,518	-	-	-	-
ii)	Selling of saplings by Hort. Wing of Municipal Corpn	25,000	31,795	-	-	-	-
iii)	Selling of saplings by Engg. Department	40,000	8,527	-	-	-	-
iv)	Distribution & planting of sapling by Education Department, Other Government Dept., NGO's, RWAs etc.	--	10,200	-	-	-	-
Total		2,35,000	2,39,126	1,50,000	1,50,000	3,00,000	3,00,000

Save trees, decorate the nature with greenery.



Plantation and Other Achievements during 2017-18:

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY-2017

'World Environment Day' was organized on 5th June, 2017 at Tagore Theatre, Chandigarh by Municipal Corporation Chandigarh in collaboration with Department of Forest & Environment and Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee, UT Chandigarh wherein Shri V.P.Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh was the Chief Guest. On this occasion, "Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2017-18" was released by the Chief Guest.

In the afternoon, a function was also organized at entrance point on the ground floor of Elante Mall in Industrial

Area, Chandigarh on the occasion of 'World Environment Day' wherein Shri Anurag Agarwal, IAS, Home Secretary-cum-Secretary (Environment & Forests), UT Chandigarh was the Chief Guest. This was organized by Department of Forests & Environment in collaboration with Yuvsatta - an Environmental NGO, State Bank of India, Chandigarh and Society for Tourism & Entertainment Promotion in Chandigarh (STEPS).

On this occasion, the 'Best Eco-Club Award of UT Chandigarh' were announced by Department of Environment, Chandigarh



Shri V.P.Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh releasing the Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2017-18 on 5th June, 2017 at Tagore Theatre, Sector 18, Chandigarh

Save trees, reduce green house effect.



Administration for 2016, and the prizes for their commendable work in the field of Environment Conservation were

distributed by the Chief Guest. The Prize winners were as follows :-

Position	Name of the School	Name of Eco-Club	Name of Principal	Name of Teacher Incharge
1 st	St. Joseph's Sr. Sec. School, Sec.44D, Chd	Green Saviours Eco-Club	Mrs. Monica Chawla	Mrs. Dimple Bansal
2 nd	Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Sec. 33-D, Chd	Vasumati Eco-Club	Mrs. Indira Beniwal	Mrs. Anju Mahajan
3 rd	Carmel Convent School, Sector 9-B, Chd	Go Green Eco-club	Sr. Supreeta	Mrs. Ritu Yadav

Chief Guest congratulated 'Best Eco Club Awardees'. He exhorted that we all should strive for making this city as Carbon neutral city on view of Global warming.



Chief Guest Sh. Anurag Agarwal, IAS, Home Secretary-cum-Secretary (Forests), Chandigarh Administration distributed Eco-Club prizes on 5th June, 2017 at Elante Mall, Chandigarh

Save tree, combat climate change.



Addressing the gathering Chief Guest Sh. Anurag Agarwal, IAS, gave a new slogan of 'My Chandigarh-Blue & Green Chandigarh', emphasizing on promotion of Solar Power (Blue look) and increasing the green cover of the city with well maintained green belts and forest areas.

On this occasion, Chief Guest also distributed Herbal Plants to students to promote green Chandigarh and also distributed 500 nos. LED Bulbs of 9 Watt to the people present there to promote energy efficiency. Quiz sessions were held on the matters relating to Environment, Forests & Renewable Energy.



School Teachers and Student during the occasion of World Environment Day on 5th June, 2017 at Elante Mall, Chandigarh

Earlier in the morning, to start the series of programmes for celebration of World Environment Day, 2017, Department of Forests & Environment, UT Chandigarh in collaboration with NGO - Youth Innovative Society, Chandigarh organized a "Bicycle Rally on Save Environment & Forest" in Reserved Forest area behind Sukhna Lake started at Smriti Van which was flagged off

by Shri Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests & Director Environment, UT Chandigarh at 0800 hrs. Around 200 participants of NSS units of UT Chandigarh and Schools participated in this event. The aim of this Bicycle Rally was to spread the message of 'Connecting People to Nature' among various stakeholders of the society and to promote cycling in the City.

Protect forests protect future



Bicycle Rally on Save Environment & Forest in Reserved Forest area behind Sukhna Lake at Smriti Van during the occasion of World Environment Day on 5th June, 2017

Among prominent persons attending the function were Shri Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forest & Director Environment and Shri P.J.S. Dadhwal, Additional Director (Env.) and other senior officers of the Administration, Shri Pramod Sharma, Coordinator of Yuvsatta, NGO and officials of State Bank of India who was the co-sponsorer. The function was attended by various Eco Club Incharges, School Principals & Teachers of Schools of Chandigarh.

VANMAHOTSAVA-2017

Vanmahotsava 2017 was celebrated from 04th July, 2017 to 10th July, 2017, to create awareness among the local people, students, officers and employees of Chandigarh Administration about the importance of tree plantation and save Environment in a befitting manner by all the Greening Agencies. Department of Forests & Wildlife, UT Chandigarh organized various plantation programmes to mark the event and to sensitize the masses for protection and conservation of trees.

Save forests, save the climate!



Following activities were organized by the department during Vanmahotsava-2017:-

PAUDH MELA

On the occasion of Van Mahotsava-2017, the 'Paudhmela' was inaugurated on 4th July, 2017 at 1030 hrs at Parking Place near Sukhna Lake Club by the Chief Guest - Sh.V.P.Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh in the presence of Smt.Kirron Kher, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, UT Chandigarh. The Paudh Mela continued from 4th to 5th July, 2017 (Timing : 0700 hrs to 1100 hrs & 1600 hrs

to 1900 hrs). Three Stalls of Forest Department, Municipal Corporation, Horticulture wing of Engineering Department, Chandigarh were stationed there. Forest Department distributed saplings free of cost whereas other departments sold at nominal rate depending on species. One Stall of Acacia Eco Club of Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Sec 16-D, Chandigarh is also stationed there where herbal plants and giloy stems are distributed to the interested people. On this occasion, Chief Guest distributed few saplings to people present there.



Stalls of Forest & Wildlife Department, UT, Chandigarh, Municipal Corporation, UT, Chandigarh & Engineering Department, UT, Chandigarh on the occasion of Paudhamela on 04th July, 2017



Shri V.P.Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh inaugurated 'Paudh Mela' on 04th July, 2017 at Parking Place near Sukhna Lake Club, Chandigarh

Forests for a living planet



Shri V.P.Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh and Smt. Kirron Kher, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, UT Chandigarh at different stalls during the occasion of 'Paudh Mela' on 04th July, 2017



Shri V.P.Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh and Smt. Kirron Kher, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, UT Chandigarh, distributing saplings during the occasion of 'Paudh Mela' on 04th July, 2017



After inauguration of Paudh Mela, a ceremonial plantation was held at IRB Complex, Sarangpur, Chandigarh where Chief Guest had launched

'Plantation Drive-2017' and planted 'Rudraksha' sapling. On this occasion, Smt. Kirron Kher, Hon'ble Member of Parliament also planted a sapling of 'Sita



Shri V.P.Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh, planting sapling of 'Rudraksha' during 'Paudha Mela' on 04th July, 2017



Smt. Kirron Kher, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, UT Chandigarh planting sapling of 'Sita Ashok' during 'Paudha Mela' on 04th July, 2017

Be safe and protect forests



Shri Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, UT Chandigarh, planting sapling during 'Paudh Mela' on 04th July, 2017

On this occasion, Shri Parimal Rai, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, Shri Anurag Agarwal, IAS, Home Secretary-cum-Secretary (Forests), Sh.T.S.Luthra, IPS, Director General of Police, UT Chandigarh, Shri Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Sh.Alok Kumar, DIG and other Senior Officers of the Administration were present and planted saplings.

ECO-CLUB DAY

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' on 07th July, 2017, during which various schools planted saplings within their school premises. The ceremonial function organized by Forest 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), 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 School also planted a sapling in the school premises.

We all need forests



Chief Guest Sh. Anurag Agarwal, IAS, Home Secretary-cum-Secretary (Forests), UT Chandigarh planting sapling of 'Jacaranda' on the occasion of Eco Club Day at Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Sector 10, Chandigarh on 07th July, 2017



Sh. Anurag Agarwal, IAS, Home Secretary-cum-Secretary (Forests), UT Chandigarh distributed saplings to school children on the occasion of Eco Club Day on 07th July, 2017

Love forests around you



After planting a sapling, Chief Guest during his speech urged the students that each student should plant at least one tree every year in the monsoon season so that our planet Earth is kept Green. During the occasion, Chief Guest also distributed saplings to school children.

During the function, Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, 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.

NGO DAY

Department of Forests & Wildlife, UT Chandigarh in collaboration with NGO - Youth Innovative Society celebrated 'NGO Day' on 07th July, 2017 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.



Chief Guest Sh.Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, UT Chandigarh planting sapling on the occasion of 'NGO Day' at Govt. Model High School, Sec. 29, Chandigarh on 07th July, 2017

Save trees today, survive tomorrow



PALASH DAY

Department of Forests & Wildlife, Chandigarh Administration in collaboration with Yuvsatta- an Environmental NGO celebrated 'Palash Day' on 24th July, 2017 at City Forest Nagar Van, behind Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh. On this occasion, Sh. Anurag Agarwal, IAS, Home Secretary-cum-Secretary (Forests), Chandigarh Administration was the Chief Guest. Around 150 students of Delhi Public School Sector 40, Government Girls Model Sr. Sec. School, Sector 18-C and Government Model Sr. Sec. School Sec.33D, Chandigarh participated in the endeavor.

On this occasion, Sh. Santosh Kumar, Chief Conservator of Forests, Chandigarh Administration shared that Chandigarh's state flower 'Dhak', is considered to be native to the city, but is now rarely seen here, but

this is going to change now as they have made elaborate plans to promote its plantation. In the 100 acre area of City Forest, a special 'Palash Flower Zone' is created today with plantation of over 400 saplings by young students. Forests Department is preparing to plant more saplings soon in the Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary area and other forest area.

Chief Guest Sh. Anurag Agarwal, IAS, Chief Guest further advocated that from now onwards to further promote Palash as State Flower of Chandigarh, July 24th every year will be celebrated as 'Palash Day'.

Appreciating the efforts of Forests & Wildlife Department, UT Chandigarh and involvement of young students to preserve the greenery in the city for present and posterity Sh. Anurag Agarwal said that such nature grooves are most important in urban



Chief Guest Sh. Anurag Agarwal, IAS, Home Secretary-cum-Secretary (Forests) UT Chandigarh planting sapling during the occasion of 'Palash Day Celebration' on 24th July, 2017

Forests for all



cities like Chandigarh as if you spend time in nature, you've probably noticed that you feel happier out there than in here. We love nature because we are evolved in it. We need it for our psychological well-being because it's in our DNA, as nature displays incredible diversity in all her glory. And it's imperative that we all preserve and promote the green forests around us.

On the occasion volunteers recited anecdotes and poems on benefits of living in harmony with man and nature. And for participating students it proved to be an inspiring day to

plant 'Palash' saplings, spend time in nature and learn about a beautiful 'City Forest' coming up so magnificently behind the Sukhna Lake area with not only green cover, but also a gymnasium and play equipment for young and old.

Prominent amongst those who were present on the occasion included Sh. PJS Dadhwal, Member Secretary, Chandigarh State Pollution Control Board, Mr. Pramod Sharma, Coordinator, Yuvsatta, Mr. Manu Vohra of Chandigarh Tree Lovers and Mr. Kulbhushan Kanwar- Environmentalist.



Sh. Anurag Agarwal, IAS, Home Secretary-cum-Secretary (Forests), UT Chandigarh addressing the school students during the occasion of 'Palash Day Celebration' on 24th July, 2017

'AKSHAY URJA DIVAS'

An Awareness Solar Energy Workshop was organized on the occasion of 'Akshay Urja Divas' i.e. on 21st August, 2017, by CREST [Chandigarh Renewal Energy, Science & Technology Promotion Society] in collaboration with Yuvsatta - an Environmental NGO in Conference Hall, Paryawaran Bhawan, Department of Forests

& Wildlife [Second Floor], Sector 19B, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh, wherein Principals of private Schools & Colleges were invited to sensitize and explain them about Renewable Energy particularly solar energy and to help them in getting solar power plant installation in their premises in Chandigarh.

No forest, No wildlife.



On this occasion, the Presentation on Procedure for Solar Power Installation & two way interaction by officials of Department of

Science & Technology & Renewable Energy with present members was also held during the event.



Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS, CCF & Director (Dept. of Science & Technology & RE) & CEO CREST, UT Chandigarh as a Chief guest during the Solar Energy Workshop organized on the occasion of 'Akshay Urja Divas' on 21st August, 2017, by CREST, UT Chandigarh

CELEBRATION OF WORLD OZONE DAY 2017

Department of Forests & Environment, Chandigarh Administration in collaboration with Environmental NGO - Youth Innovative Society celebrated 'World Ozone Day' on 15th September, 2017 by organizing a Painting Competition on the theme of the day by school students of various Schools i.e.

Government Model High School, Sector-32 and St. Joseph Sr. Sec. School, Sec.44 in the Conference Hall of Botanical Garden at Sarangpur, Chandigarh. On this occasion, Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests & Director Environment, UT Chandigarh was the Chief Guest.



Chief Guest Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS, Director Environment & Chief Conservator of Forests, UT Chandigarh on the occasion of 'World Ozone Day' celebrated on 15th September, 2017, in Conference Hall of Botanical Garden, Sarangpur, Chandigarh

It's time to save forests



Chief Guest informed that this special day is held on September 16th to mark the day back in 1987 when the Montreal Protocol was signed. As a result, a number of special events such as talks and seminars are held in the Canadian city of Montreal on this day. The

aim of this is mainly intended to spread awareness of the depletion of the Ozone Layer and search for solutions to preserve it. People from all over the world are expected to gather in Montreal on September 16th to join for talks and seminars.



School students during 'Painting Competition' on the occasion of 'World Ozone Day' on 15th September, 2017, in Conference Hall of Botanical Garden, Sarangpur, Chandigarh

After Painting Competition, Chief Guest distributed the Prizes to the winners in the Painting Competition i.e. First Awardee was Govt. School, Khuda Alisher, Second Awardee- Govt. Model Sr.Sec.School, Karsan and Third Awardee - Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School, Sector-20, Chandigarh.

The Chief Guest appreciated the efforts taken by various students in making very good

paintings depicting various environmental issues affecting the ozone effects on environment and appreciated the efforts by Youth Innovative Society – an NGO in making it successful.

Among other officials who were present during the celebration were Shri Dr.Anandi Subramanian, Senior Economic Advisor and Shri Kumar Rajnish, National Programme



Coordinator, ENVIS Cell and Smt.Urmila, Joint Secretary from Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India and Sh.P.J.S.Dadhwal, Additional Director Environment and other

officials of Environment and Forest Department, UT Chandigarh. The function was attended by various College & School Principals, Teachers, Students, NSS Volunteers and residents of Chandigarh.



Chief Guest Sh.Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests & Director Environment, UT Chandigarh distributed prizes of Painting Competition on the occasion of 'World Ozone Day' on 15th September, 2017, in Conference Hall of Botanical Garden, Sarangpur, Chandigarh

WILDLIFE WEEK 2017

The celebration of Wildlife Week, 2017 was started by Department of Forests and Wildlife, UT Chandigarh on 02nd October, 2017 by organizing a Photography Exhibition on 'Forests & Wildlife' in collaboration with Natural Biodiversity, Chandigarh which was inaugurated by Sh.V.P.Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh at Sukhna Lake. After that a 'Walkathon for

Wildlife Conservation' was conducted in collaboration with NGO - Yuvsatta, Chandigarh which was also flagged off by the Chief Guest, in which large number of International and National students were participated. Prominent among those participated were Shri Bernie Meyer, popularly known as 'American Gandhi' and Miss Mangolia.

Save forests and stay healthy



Sh.V.P.Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh flagged off 'Walkathon for Wildlife Conservation' during Wildlife Week Celebration on 2nd October, 2017 at Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh



Sh.V.P.Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh during Wildlife Week Celebration on 2nd October, 2017 at Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh

Planting forests is Planting life



The Photography Exhibition at Sukhna Lake shall be open for public throughout the day which had more than 150 photographs on wildlife in display. It also had display of about 12 photographs taken by Shri V.P. Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor

of Punjab who is a keen Wildlife Enthusiast and has large collections of rare photographs taken from Ranthambore, Jim Corbett, Sariska, Kaziranga and from various places in the country.



Sh.V.P.Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh during Photography Exhibition on 'Forests & Wildlife' on 2nd October, 2017 at Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh

Earlier in the morning, a "Nature and Wildlife Trek" was also organized by the department which was flagged off by Sh. T. C Nautiyal, IFS, Conservator of Forests, UT Chandigarh. This was started from Nepli and culminated at Kansal Log Hut. The Wildlife Trek was approximately 9.5 Km in length and passing through three Hillocks reaching a maximum height of 1500 feet. The entry for the Nature and Wildlife Trek was obtained through online registration. Around 1000

people participated in the Trek which include School Children, General Public and large no. of people from Press & Media and Bird Watchers with binocular. The participants were divided into groups of around 90-100 people. Each group was having one Forest Official as Group Leader. State Aids Control Society of UT Chandigarh also participated in the event by staging Quiz and Skit on Aid Control and wildlife.

Our health is in the hands of forests



Flagged off by Sh.T.C.Nautiyal, IFS, Conservator of Forests, UT Chandigarh at Nepli Gate of Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary during Wildlife Trekking Event on 2nd October, 2017



Participants during trekking on the occasion of Wildlife Week Celebration on 2nd October, 2017 at Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary, Chandigarh

Forests, lead to healthy environment



On this occasion, Chief Guest informed that Department of Forests & Wildlife, UT Chandigarh is conducting treks on regular basis on one of Saturday/Sunday of each month and the dates for this year calendar is already out and available on website of Department. These activities of the department must have sensitized the

stakeholders, especially the children to appreciate the beauty of the nature and to protect our valuable National treasure and all these efforts of the department will disseminate the conservation message among the masses, which in turn will help all of us to protect and conserve nature and natural resources.



A drama played during Wildlife Week Celebration on 2nd October, 2017 at Kansal Loghut, Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary, Chandigarh

Go green and make the environment clean!!



Participants during the occasion of Wildlife Week Celebration on 2nd October, 2017 at Kansal Loghut, Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary, Chandigarh

Among prominent persons attending the Photography Exhibition and Walkathon were Shri Anurag Agarwal, IAS, Home Secretary, Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Sh.T.C.Nautiyal, IFS,

Conservator of Forests, Smt. Vanita Gupta, Director, States Aids Control Society of Chandigarh, students of schools/colleges, teachers and NGOs, and other senior officers of the Administration.

WELCOMING MIGRATORY BIRDS IN SUKHNA LAKE

Department of Forest & Wildlife, Chandigarh Administration in collaboration with Yuvsatta-an NGO launched a fortnight long 'Bird Watching Trip' on 15th November, 2017 for local School students for welcoming the arrival of Migratory Birds at Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh. On this occasion, 100 students of Government Model Sr. Sec. School, MHC, Manimajra and KB DAV Sr. Sec. Public

School, Chandigarh enjoyed the bird watching treat. Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Chandigarh Administration was the Chief Guest on the occasion and Sh. TC Nautiyal, IFS, Conservator of Forests, UT Chandigarh presided over the event to familiarize young ones with nature bounty at Chandigarh.



Chief Guest Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, UT Chandigarh during the occasion of 'Bird Watching Trip' on 15th November, 2017 at Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh

Chief Guest Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, UT Chandigarh in his inaugural address shared that “Migratory Birds” come from places like Siberia, China and Afghanistan. Presently over 700 migratory birds of around 90 species are recently recorded by members of Chandigarh Bird Club, with water fowl, Osprey, Peregrine Falcon, Crested Serpent Eagle and Northern Lapwings among the major ones. It's encouraging to note that many altitudinal migrants from Himalayas are yet to come in. And every year to encourage young students

to explore more their Department makes extra effort to bring young students from different Schools of the city to watch migratory birds.

On this occasion, Sh. T.C. Nautiyal, IFS, Conservator of Forests, UT Chandigarh stated that migratory birds start arriving in the Sukhna wildlife sanctuary from early November and their stay lasts till March or April, depending on the climatic conditions. And these birds are very sensitive; so we have made arrangements to make the environment conducive for them.

Plant a tree so that next generation can get air for free.



School Students of Government Model Sr. Sec. School, MHC, Manimajra and KB DAV Sr. Sec. Public School, Chandigarh watching Migratory birds during 'Bird Watching Trip' at Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh on 15th November, 2017

Regular bird watchers and environmentalists like Shri Kulbhushan Kanwar & Smt. Sarbjit Kaur explained to the kids about hundreds of migratory birds who travel every year thousands of miles to reach Sukhna Lake, to escape the harsh cold of their habitats.

Prakriti Paryavaran aur Hum Initiative 2018 under "Swachh Aur Swastha Bharat Mission"

As the Hon'ble Prime Minister has called

upon the nation to begin a campaign, "Swachh Aur Swastha Bharat Mission", thus the Department of Forests & Environment, Chandigarh Administration in collaboration with Northern Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Sector-31, Chandigarh has launched the "Swachhta Drive" in the "Nagar Van Forest Area" behind Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh on 11th January, 2018.

Don't make Trees rare, grow them with care.



School students of NGC Eco- Clubs from Govt. Senior Secondary School, Kaimbwala, Chandigarh during the occasion of “Swachh Aur Swastha Bharat Mission” at the ‘Nagar Van Forest Area’ behind Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh on 11th January, 2018

The Swachata Drive was participated with more than 50 school students of NGC Eco-Clubs from Government Senior Secondary School, Kaimbwala, Chandigarh. The Event

was flagged off by the Chief Guest Sh. Brijesh Sikka, Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India.



Sh.Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, UT Chandigarh welcoming the Chief Guest Sh. Brijesh Sikka, Adviser, MoEF&CC, G.O.I alongwith Dr. Ajay Mehrotra, Advisor, Northern Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Sec.31, Chandigarh and Dr. Vimal Kumar Hatwal, Joint Director, Northern Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Chandigarh

Take care of the trees, they will take care of you.



Chief Guest Sh. Brijesh Sikka, Adviser, MoEF&CC, Govt. of India along Dr. Ajay Mehrotra, Advisor, Northern Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Chandigarh and Dr. Vimal Kumar Hatwal, Joint Director Northern Regional Office of MoEF&CC,

Chandigarh was welcomed by Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests & Director Environment, Chandigarh Administration and Sh. T.C. Nautiyal, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Chandigarh Administration.



Chief Guest along with school teachers/students took oath during the occasion of "Swachh Aur Swastha Bharat Mission" on 11th January, 2018 at 'Nagar Van Forest Area' behind Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh

The Chief Guest, Officers, Teachers and the Students took oath called "Harit Partigya", related to the conservation of environment, reduction in waste generation, reuse of

materials, saving of electricity and water and plantation of more and more trees. The event was followed by cleanliness and sanitation drive in the area with participation of all.



Glimpse of cleanliness and sanitation drive carried out during the occasion of "Swachh Aur Swastha Bharat Mission" on 11th January, 2018 at 'Nagar Van Forest Area' behind Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh

Trees on, Global warming gone!



At the end the occasion, students were asked to spread the message of “segregation at source” of biodegradable and non biodegradable waste and creating “Swacchh

Neighbourhoods”. After that the Tree plantation was carried out by the students and officers, spreading the message of environmental conservation.

RELEASE OF TABLE CALENDER-2018

Table Calendar 2018 prepared by Department of Forests & Wildlife, UT Chandigarh on the theme “Colours of Chandigarh” was released by Sh.V.P.Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh

on 12th January, 2018 in UT Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh. The Table Calendar attempts to depict Colours of Chandigarh in different seasons due to flowering of various existing plants.



Sh.V.P. Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh releasing 'Table Calendar' on 12th January, 2018 in UT Secretariat, Sec.9, Chandigarh

Among prominent persons attending this event were Sh.Parimal Rai, IAS, Advisor to Administrator, Sh.Ajoy Kumar Sinha, IAS, Finance Secretary and Sh.Santosh Kumar,

IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Sh.T.C. Nautiyal, IFS, Conservator of Forests and other senior officers of the Administration.

Save a tree to help us breathe.



WILDLIFE RESCUE AND REHABILITATION

Human-Wildlife Conflict has become one of the serious problems. Due to loss of Habitat, Habitat degradation, some of the wild animals i.e. Monkeys, Sambhar, Neelgai, Biju etc are coming out of forest area and invading in city area.

To manage this problem, Department of Forests & Wildlife has constituted a wildlife squad which consists of 4 teams and each team has 2 members. Each team has allotted

different sectors for regular patrolling and to attend the complaints received from local people. Our team has attended all the complaints received till date and rescued the wild animal to release them back into Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary and other Forest Areas. Number of complaint received, attended & animal rescued & released till January, 2018, are as follows:-

Sr.No.	Name of Animals	No. of Complaints received	Complaints Attended	No. of animals rescued & released back into SWL Sanctuary
1	Monkey	1121	1121	93
2	Snake	283	283	119
3	Sambhar Deer	12	12	08
4	Neelgai	26	26	12
5	Others	172	172	94
Total		1614	1614	326



Rescue Team of Forest & Wildlife Department, UT, Chandigarh

Plant more trees, make environment pollution free.



Visit of Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India at Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary & Nagar Van Site behind Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh

Shri Siddhanta Das, IFS, Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India made a visit to UT Chandigarh on 03rd November, 2017. As a

Chief Guest, he had visited Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary and Botanical Garden, Sarangpur and took round of it and appreciated the measures taken by Forest Department, UT Chandigarh.



Shri Siddhanta Das, IFS, Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India at Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary, UT Chandigarh on 3rd November, 2017

He also visited Nagar Van behind Sukhna Lake, UT Chandigarh which is being created under 'Nagar Van Yojana' of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India and took round of measures taken by Department of Forests & Wildlife, UT Chandigarh in developing

Nagar Van behind Sukhna Lake and appreciated the efforts taken by the Department of Forests, UT Chandigarh specially the cleaning/improvement of sewage water coming from Kansal in forest area by creating an Oxidation Pond and other natural measures.

Trees – the lungs of the mother earth



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Plantation of Sapling by Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Government of India during the Inauguration of 300-bedded Infosys Foundation Red Cross Sarai for patient attendants at Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh

Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Government of India made a visit to UT Chandigarh on 30th January, 2018 for the inauguration of 300-bedded Infosys Foundation Red Cross Sarai for patient attendants at Post Graduate Institute of

Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh. During the inauguration programme, Chief Guest planted the sapling of 'Rudraksha' at the premises of Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Sector-12, Chandigarh.



Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Government of India planted sapling of 'Rudraksha' at Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Sector-12, Chandigarh

Among prominent persons attending this event were Sh.V.P.Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh, Smt.Kirron Kher, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, UT Chandigarh &

Prof.Jagat Ram, Director, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh and other senior officers of the Administration.

Forests are green gold.



WORLD WETLAND DAY 2018

World Wetland Day, 2018 was celebrated on 2nd February, 2018 by the Department of Forests & Wildlife, Chandigarh Administration in association with Yuvsatta - an NGO on the theme of 'Biodiversity Exhibition, Hunt and Nature Walks' on Migratory Birds was held at Regulator End of Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh. And also a biodiversity hunt

involving jungle-walk for School children's from regulator end of lake to City Forest in Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary, Chandigarh. Sh.Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Chandigarh and Director, Department of Environment and Science & Technology & RE, UT Chandigarh was the Chief Guest on this occasion.



School students during the 'Exhibition of pictures on Migratory Birds' on the occasion of 'World Wetland Day' at Regulator End of Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh on 2nd February, 2018



School students during the Nature Walk on the occasion of 'World Wetland Day' at Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary, Chandigarh on 2nd February, 2018

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During this occasion, around 400 students of nine prominent Schools i.e. St. Stephen's School, Moti Ram Arya Sr. Sec. Model School, CL DAV School, Sector 17, DAV Model School, Sector 15 A, Govt. Middle School, Bapudham Colony, Sector 26, Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Village Khudda Ali Sher, Govt. Girls Model Sr. Sec. School, Sector 20, Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Sector 23A and Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Sector 22A, Chandigarh were participated in the endeavour.

Addressing the students, Chief Guest Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forest, Chandigarh said that every year migratory birds flock Sukhna – thousands of

these winged guests start arriving at the Sukhna Lake in winters and this Lake a landmark in Chandigarh provides sanctuary to many exotic migratory birds like the Siberian duck, Storks and Cranes. The lake has been declared as a protected national wetland by the Government of India and its duty of each and every resident of this city beautiful to maintain the cleanliness and serene environment of the area.

During the occasion, Sh. T.C. Nautiyal, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Chandigarh shared that healthy and functional wetlands like Sukhna play an important role in the management and conservation of our important fish resources.



Prizes distributed to school students during the occasion of 'World Wetland Day' at Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary, Chandigarh on 2nd February, 2018

The programme ended with the distribution of prizes to the winners of biodiversity hunt, who identified maximum species of birds

and trees in Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary, UT Chandigarh.

Trees give good look don't destroy them from earth book.



SCHOOL NURSERY YOJANA

The Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), New Delhi has launched a scheme called "School Nursery Yojana" with aim to involve school students in raising plant nurseries to bring them closer to natural environment, help them understand the natural processes of germination and feel the joy of watching

sapling grow.

Under this scheme, total 10 numbers of schools of UT Chandigarh created school nurseries in their campus with the help of Department of Forest & Wildlife, UT Chandigarh to create awareness and education among students and teachers about the process of plant growth.



School nurseries at different schools of UT Chandigarh under the scheme of 'School Nursery Yojana'

NAGAR VAN UDYAN YOJANA

Nagar Van Udyan Yojana – "Ek Kadam Hariyali ki or" is an Urban Forestry Scheme launched by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), New Delhi which aims at involving creating atleast one City Forest in each city having Municipal Corporation/ Class I Cities for providing wholesome healthy living environment, and contribution to growth of smart, clean, green and healthy cities. Department of Forests & Wildlife, UT Chandigarh has created City Forest in Lake

Reserve Forest Area. It spreads over an area of 100 hectare with following objectives :-

OBJECTIVES

- To create awareness on plants and biodiversity,
- To sensitize the visitors & tourist towards the conservation of natural resources.
- To provide Conservation education on important flora and fauna of the Chandigarh region.

Save trees, strengthen economy.



- To provide green lungs i.e. clean air, noise reduction, water harvesting and reduction of city temperature.
- To conduct Forestry related research associated with the management.
- To conserve aquatic flora and fauna.
- To provide the health benefit to the citizens.

FACILITIES

- Walkways/Jogging Trails/Nature Trails
- Shallow Water Bodies
- Visitor's Shed/Rainshelter
- Meditation Hut
- Exercise Instruments
- Children's Park
- Public Convenience



A view of Nagar Van Udyan site behind Sukhna Lake, UT Chandigarh

Trees are living beings, love them and care them.



This city forest is spread over an area of 100 hectare approximately. It will be fenced from all the sides and there will be provisions of footpath to approach all sections of the City Park. This city forest is being equipped with recreational units, Chabutara/sitting arrangement around matured/bigger size trees. The footpaths will be fully decorated with flowering plants and lawns. There will be eco-friendly huts/meditation huts/ yoga huts at different important locations. At one or two locations there will be provision of

shallow water bodies for wildlife, birds etc. For bio-purification of water, natural oxidation process be encouraged, however, to augment oxidation, fountain and artificial waterfalls may be created. The bio-purified water will be utilized for irrigation of lawns/plants etc. Visitors will be allowed to visit free of cost to the park. There will also be the provision of open air gymnasium in the park along with proper parking. The signage and interpretation boards will be used to create awareness among the visitors.



A view of Nagar Van Udyan site behind Sukhna Lake, UT Chandigarh

Trees bring greenery and greenery brings happiness.