



## **Environment and Community Outreach Committee Report (2018-19)**

*Environment and Community Outreach Committee was created to improve the natural environment of the college and generate awareness among students, faculty, and non-teaching staff for the same.*

The committee worked on the following aspects:

1. PLANTATION IN COLLEGE
2. PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT
3. VERMICOMPOSTING
4. COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES
5. ORGANISING SEMINARS

The plantation sub-committee bought a variety of plants and fiber pots from various shops and nurseries. A massive plantation drive was conducted in the month of July. Tree plantation was done by students of Bsc (Pass) Home Science and BSc (Hons) Food Technology. Approximately 200 plants of Ashoka, Gulmohar and Bottle Brush were planted in the college. Students and staff participated in this activity in large numbers.

Plastic waste is a threat to the environment. The committee decided that used plastic bottles will be collected at one place and sent to an NGO. Plastic and solid waste management subcommittee hence decided to buy large pots to make compost from waste generated from the canteen.

The outreach sub-committee agreed to make students aware of various environmental issues by holding several competitions and through making posters. Students were also informed about the various inter college competitions. A seminar/ symposium was planned for the same.

Work was also initiated for preparation of the pit for vermicomposting

A meeting of Environment and community outreach committee was held on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018 to discuss the following agendas:

- 1) Subcommittee formation and duties distribution
- 2) Discussion with members regarding various works assigned in subcommittees
- 3) Discussion about disposal of plastic waste and solid waste management in canteen
- 4) Discussion about spreading awareness about community outreach
- 5) Discussion about tree plantation in college vicinity

Following were the points of discussion

1. The committee was divided into five sub committees and assigned their duties to each member
2. Committee members felt that it will be difficult to stop canteen to sell sealed plastic water bottles cold water was required during summers (some floors of college don't have cold water facility).
3. It was suggested that used plastic bottles should be collected at one place and send to some NGO for recycling
4. Students and all staff members should be discouraged to use plastic bags and bottles. Awareness campaigns would be organised through slogan writing, poster making, theatre and seminars.

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5. It was decided that the committee will organize one symposium or seminar.
  6. College will have plantation drive as much as possible.
  7. The committee outreach members will make the students aware for various intercollege competitions.
  8. Plastic disposal and solid waste committee will buy large sized pots for making compost from solid waste generated from the canteen.

