

Awareness needs skill to Save Mother Earth

It would not be an exaggeration if we conclude that Earth is hotter than ever before since the life has come to existence. Mother Nature is under constant pressure of anthropogenic activities and climate is changing. We recently have witnessed floods in Kerala after news of drought in many regions of the country. Our ancient practices had peace imbibed in civil life and almost no part of waste produced was garbage but material for reuse and recycle. Thankfully some people have taken steps to explore those values and inculcate the peace for Nature and environment in modernized life style and times.

Social Substance a group working for the cause is actively involved into research, analysis, propagation & mitigation measures etc. The group has conducted eighty seven activities so far on various themes. On Aug 25, 2018, the group organized four activities joining hands with UNESCO Network Chair, P-Square, Eco-Logic, Soaring Eagles Club, GMSSS 19, GMHS 29, and GMHS RC2 Dhanas.

First event was at GMSSS, Sec 19 C, Chandigarh where a nature walk cum workshop on environmental values was organized for about fifty students of school. It was pointed out that health issues are growing day by day due to insufficient outgoing in Sunshine and unhealthy food habits. Children were made aware of the fact that Mother Nature has medicinal values for their bodies. They need to live closer to plants and trees. Habit of bird watching and observing their behavior was out into focus. Ms. Suman from school expressed that it was a practical and healthy way of teaching and learning. She was positive on conducting more of such events in future! Mr. Puneet Arora, Sh. Navtej Singh, and Dr. Arun Bansal were resource persons for the workshop.

Second Event of the day was at Sector 39, Government Model High School where a competition 'Rakhi Making' was organized to indoctrinate Global Peace for Nature, Environment, and Biodiversity through Indian Traditional Values. About sixty students from school participated in the workshop and results were pure bliss. Students outperformed all the expectation of organizers. Teachers were committed to organize the same again in near future. Mr. Paras and Ms. Pragya from P-Square conducted the workshop.

Third Event was organized at Government Model High School RC-2 Dhanas where about hundred students were made aware of traffic rules and hazards of disobeying the same. Mr. Michaelangelo Francis, Mr. Gulshan Singh Bhinder, Ms. Ira Bogra, and Mr. Tony Thomas were

resource persons from Soaring Eagles Club. Students pledged at the end of session to stay abide by rules. The impact of vehicles on pollution and climate was also discussed.

Fourth event was conducted at Alumni House, Panjab University. With UNESCO Network Chair of Panjab University the aim was to propagate the peace within and for nature, environment, biodiversity, climate etc. The theme of 'Mehndi and Rakhi Making' competition was 'Global Peace and Wealth out of Waste'. About thirty participants in two categories i.e. senior and junior appeared for the competition. The output was amazing. Dr. Manish Sharma and Sh. Parveen Jaggi who judged the output expressed that participants had well understood the theme and came up with novel thoughts to interpret. They particularly mentioned a designed where all the religions were illustrated in unison. A participant used pencil peels to make the Rakhi.

Dr. Arun Bansal who coordinated all the events expressed that he model is getting recognition and he operates on zero cost and based on collaborative model using online resources such as Social Substance, a facebook based group. He apprised that it is not mere competition but a philosophy and he is utilizing his all Saturdays to serve the society.

