

# **Palampur Science Centre**

(A Unit of National Council of Science Museums)

## **Monthly Activity Report for the Month of May, 2023**

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### **National Technology Day**

**May 11, 2023**

Palampur Science Centre on the occasion of National Technology Day. Organized some educational programmes for the students and general public. The National Technology Day is celebrated across the country, as the India had successfully achieved the nuclear capabilities and developed its own technologies for the peaceful co-existence in the world. On this day, a Popular Science Lecture was held on the theme 'An Integrated Approach to Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future'. In this lecture the Project Coordinator introduced the present audience with the rich heritage of ancient indic technologies and the thriving scientific culture. He beautifully elaborated the modern age science and technological milestones achieved by the India. On the above-mentioned theme, an essay-writing contest was also held. Participants intelligently crafted their thoughts on the paper and explained their understanding about the sustainability, science and technology and human welfare. Followed by this an open house quiz was organized in which various questions related to scientific culture, ancient and modern technologies, renewable energy resources, ventures and institutions engaged in the development of cutting edge technologies, human resource development etc. were asked. The participants enthusiastically participated. The students and general public who correctly answered the asked questions were facilitated on spot. After the completion of programmes all the participants were provided with the e-participation certificates.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration of PSC, Palampur**

**May 14, 2023**

Palampur Science Centre was inaugurated on the May 14, 2022. It is the first science centre in the state of Himachal Pradesh. To celebrate first anniversary of the centre; various activities were organized for the Divyang or Specially Abled Children, escort teachers and general public. First of all, all the visitors were given a guided tour of the galleries and other facilities of the science centre. The Project Coordinator delivered a popular science lecture on 'Health, Hygiene and Sanitation' for the audience. The chief guest of the event, Sh. Krishan Gopal Butail, renowned philanthropist and Chairman, Rotary Eye Foundation, Palampur shared his life and experience, he talked about science in day to day life, and encouraged the participants to achieve the full potential of their inner self. He further added that every child is blessed with some special abilities and everyone is capable of achieving success in life. Followed by this, some interesting activities were conducted for the students. The students used their skills and mental intelligence to solve the puzzles and games. There were some activities based on the balloons, like one has to throw up the balloon. At the end the Project Coordinator thanked the chief guest and the audience of being with the centre and helping the science centre to reach the masses and untapped potential of science lovers. The participants were given refreshment and prizes for their feat in the activities.

## **Science Promotion Activities under STEM Education**

**Programmes session 2023-24**

**May 15 to May 30, 2023**

Palampur Science Centre in collaboration with Education Department, Central Tibetan Administration organized fortnight long science

promotion activities for the students of various school governed by the Central Tibetan Administration. The students were given guided tour of the different galleries and facilities like innovation hub etc. Apart from this, they enjoyed the taramandal and science demonstration lecture. In the due course of time we tried our best to inculcate science and develop scientific temperament in them. We also learned their way of life, scientific belief, methods of teaching science and other interdisciplinary fields. The student and escorting teachers overwhelmingly participated in the organized events and understood the basics of science and technology. They also vowed to promote STEM in their community and will inspire others to take STEM as a field of interest and livelihood earning.

### **International Museum Day**

**May 18, 2023**

Palampur Science Centre celebrated International Museum Day by organizing some education activities. A popular science lecture on museum, sustainability and wellbeing was delivered by the Shri Amitesh, Education Assistant, PSC Palampur. He briefed the present audience about the museums, their significance and important role in promoting sustainability and wellbeing. Followed by the lecture, an open house quiz was organized for the students, teachers and general public. The questions were based on the historical artefacts, national and international museums, unique collection etc., all the question were made available in the Hindi, English and Tibetan language. The winners were facilitated with gift and prizes on the spot. After the completion of the programme all the participants were given e-participation certificates.