

PALAMPUR SCIENCE CENTRE, PALAMPUR

(A Unit of National Council of Science Museums)

Activity Report for the month of October, 2023

Swachhta Hi Sewa

(1st Oct – 15th Oct, 2023)

In order to create awareness about the cleanliness & hygiene for better community health, Palampur Science Centre has organised a special cleanliness drive from 1st Oct to 15th Oct, 2023 by engaging local people and staff members.

The programme was started by administering Swachhta Pledge by all the staff members of the Centre. A special cleanliness drive was undertaken for cleaning the centre premises and surrounding areas by the staff members along with general public on 1st October, 2023. The dry leaves, paper covers, plastic straws, wrappers etc. were collected, weeds from the lawn area were uprooted and these were kept separately in different dustbins. Later on, these were shifted to the municipality garbage van. And thereafter, the webs from the wall of the entrance area of the building were also cleaned. So, in this way, the premises near the entrance of the Centre and some portions of Science Park has been cleaned thoroughly. Along with this, a Popular Science Lecture on the topic “Swachhta Hi Sewa” was also conducted for the staff members and the general visitors by the Chief Guest Dr. Yogita Dhaka, Veterinary Officer, Sperm Station, Palampur. It was followed by “Plantation Drive” and finally with pledge by participants to ensure clean and hygienic environment for better community health. On this day around 21 persons participated in the programme.

On 2nd October, 2023, a Popular Science Lecture on “Health & Hygiene” was conducted for the Staff members along with general visitors. It was followed by “Plantation Drive”, where all the staff members collectively took part. Then, the cleaning and dusting of some portions of Science Park were also done by the staff members.

On 13th October, 2023, different educational activities were organised for the students and general public. Shri Ram Swaroop, Project Coordinator, Palampur Science Centre started the programme

by delivering a Popular Science Lecture. He shared the importance of Swachh Bharat Mission and ‘Swachhta Hi Sewa’ in detail. On this occasion, a small documentary film on Cleanliness was also screened in the Centre auditorium. Through this film, the importance of waste management methods was shown. It was followed by an Open House Quiz where questions related to different waste management practices, Swachh Bharat Mission, and other techniques to reduce the waste were asked. The winners of this quiz programme were given prizes. Along with this, a painting contest was also organised for the students where they have presented their ideas on the concept of Swachh Bharat Mission. On this day around 250 students of different schools along with the general visitors participated in this ‘Swachhta Hi Sewa’ programme.

And from the very first day of October, 2023, different portions of the Science Centre premises, Science Park, different galleries, workshop, conference hall, hostel, Taramandal Hall, store room, auditorium, Innovation Hub & SDL room etc. were cleaned and sanitized by the staff members with full spirit till 15th October, 2023 on regular basis. The details of the cleaning campaign for ‘Swachhta Hi Sewa’ abhiyaan on daily basis are as follows:

Date	Places to be cleaned at PSC, Palampur
1.10.2023	Near the Main Gate of Centre and Science Park
2.10.2023	Science Park (in front of office area)
3.10.2023	Exhibit Development Lab/Workshop
4.10.2023	Store Room
5.10.2023	Fun Science Gallery
6.10.2023	Hostel and its surroundings
7.10.2023	Taramandal Hall
8.10.2023	Untamed Earth Gallery
9.10.2023	Science Park
10.10.2023	Science Park (backend area)
11.10.2023	Science Park (backend area)
12.10.2023	Untamed Earth Gallery
13.10.2023	Rise of Digital India Exhibition Hall
14.10.2023	Innovation Hub & SDL room
15.10.2023	Auditorium

International Girl Child Day

(11th October, 2023)

“International Girl Child Day” was celebrated on 11th October, 2023 with great enthusiasm at Palampur Science Centre. On this occasion, some educational programmes were conducted. Shri Ram Swaroop, Project Coordinator, Palampur Science Centre highlighted the importance of this day. He shared the contributions of women in the different fields of science, technology, engineering, medical science, arts and mathematics and other different fields also. Later on, Science Demonstration Lecture was conducted in which different concepts of science were explained through the models and experiments. After this, an Open House Quiz was also conducted where questions on contributions of women in science and technology were asked. The winners of the quiz programme were given prizes also. This event was attended by 164 students.

City Level Science Drama Contest-2023

(27th October, 2023)

“City Level Science Drama Contest-2023” was organised at Palampur Science Centre on 27th October, 2023. Shri Ram Swaroop, Project Coordinator, Palampur Science Centre briefed upon the importance of science drama in creating scientific temper among the society and introduced the judges and other guests of the contest. In this event, Dr. Rasam Singh Patial, Former Principal, Shaheed Captain Vikram Batra Government Degree College, Palampur; Dr. Hirday Paul Singh, Joint Director (Information & Public Relations), CSK Agriculture University, Palampur and Shri Shamsheer Singh, Actor and Senior Theatre Artist have played the key role in judging the different plays. A total of 7 different teams from the different schools of Kangra participated in this contest. The plays were based on the different topics like Millets: The Superfood, Current Advances in Health Care and Superstitions in Society. The play by the students of Parmarth International School, Baijnath, Palampur was adjudged the Best

Drama. Shri Bhaskar Tondan of Parmarth International School, Baijnath, Palampur was adjudged the Best Actor, Miss Divanshi Katoch of Viveka Foundations, Palampur was adjudged the Best Actress, Shri Taprav Awasthi and Smt. Sumedha of Parmarth International School, Baijnath, Palampur were adjudged the Best Script Writer and Best Director in this contest. The Judges have also suggested the important points to improve the play. At last the prizes were given by the Chief Guest to the participants of the drama contest. About 656 students and general visitors attended this programme.

National Unity Day (31st October, 2023)

“National Unity Day” was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Palampur Science Centre on 31st October, 2023. On this occasion, different programmes were conducted. Shri Ram Swaroop, Project Coordinator, Palampur Science Centre highlighted the importance of this day and paid the tribute to the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhai Patel. A documentary film on the merging of different princely states to the Republic of India were shown to the students and general public. It was followed by an Open House Quiz in which questions related to the freedom struggle, life and works of Sardar Patel and different princely states of the Indian territory were asked. The painting contest on the life and works of Sardar Patel was also conducted for the students in which they have portrayed the Sardar Patel in different ways. After this, the slogan writing programme on Sardar Patel and freedom struggle of India was also done. All the participants of the event were given e-certificates. The total of 90 students and general public attended this programme.