

NOTE ON NGC (GoK) PROGRAMME

National Green Corps Programme for PU Colleges is funded by GoK. Under this programme, the Department of Ecology & Environment through EMPRI provides a one-time grant of Rs. 5,000/- to PU colleges so as to establish an Eco-Club and further run activities relating to environmental conservation and education.

In Karnataka, there are 3845 Pre-University Colleges which include aided, bi-furcated, corporation, government and unaided colleges. NGC programme was implemented under INEP in 1049 colleges and for the current year 2010-11, EMPRI has disbursed funds to 1057 colleges (aided, bi-furcated, corporation and government colleges) through respective Deputy Directors of PU Education to establish eco-clubs.

After the establishment of the Eco-club, the Principal of the college should identify Lecturer as the In-charge of the Eco-Club on the basis of his/her interest in environment related issues and be made responsible for running the Eco-Club activities in the college. The address and telephone number of the In-charge Lecturer may be sent to EMPRI so that we may get in touch with the college when required.

Each Eco-Club with membership of the students will prepare their work plan as per the proposed but not limiting to the list enclosed as Annexure - I and implement them within the grants made available to them. Any of the following may be observed as a part of the programme.

Wetland Day – Feb 2	Nature Protection Day – July 28
Forest Day – March 21	Renewable Energy Day – Aug 20
Water Day – March 22	Ozone Day – Sept 16
Meteorological Day – March 23	Wildlife Week – Oct 1-7
Earth Day – April 22	World Habitat Day – Oct 3
Bio-diversity Day – May 22	Natural Disaster Day – Oct 13
Environment Day – June 5	World Mountain Day – Dec 11
Ocean Day – June 8	

The activities should continue even when the grant is exhausted and should become a regular feature in the college co-curricular activities.

The colleges have to submit the activity report to EMPRI and the Utilisation Certificate to their respective Deputy Directors, PU Department by Dec 2011.

The DDPU will provide the consolidated Utilisation Certificate for the disbursed amount to EMPRI. A copy of the same is to be sent to Mr. S. Jambanna, Nodal Officer, NGC Programme, PU Education Dept, 18th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore – 12.

We have an unspent balance of about Rs. 22,76,00/- and we intend to take up this programme in the remaining 1739 un-aided colleges in the current year.

In order to ensure that the programme is implemented effectively, it is requested that the monitoring of the programme be included as a part of the inspection schedule of the colleges.

The DDPU are also requested to nominate a nodal officer in their respective offices who will be the point of contact for EMPRI and enable us to implement the programme successfully.

Annexure I

Eco-Club Activities

1. Organisation of seminar, discussions, lectures and popular talks on specific environmental issues in the colleges.
 - Tree planting and its significance
 - Medicinal plants and their uses
 - Health & Hygiene
 - Conservation of natural resources
 - Impact of pollution on environment
 - Global warming & climate change
 - Environmental disasters
 - Hazardous waste

2. Organisation of awareness camps through field visits to sites of environmental importance, including polluted/degraded sites, wild life parks, sanctuaries etc. The awareness programme could also include the following
 - Water conservation
 - Prevention of air pollution
 - Land degradation
 - Noise pollution
 - Waste management including recycling of paper and plastics
 - Rainwater harvesting
 - Epidemic diseases, Encephalitis, Chickengunya, Dengue, H1N1 virus
 - Chemical fertilisers & pesticides
 - Health effects due to heavy metals

3. Spreading awareness by organizing rallies, marches, human chains street theatre, speeches and debates and mobilizing public opinion in public places such as railway station, bus stands, agricultural markets and other crowded public areas.

4. Organize action based programmes such as
 - Vermi-composting
 - Organic farming
 - Study of bio-diversity
 - Plantation both within and outside colleges and maintenance of such plantations
 - Cleanliness drives in colleges, public places, neighbourhood areas etc
 - Trekking

5. Preparation of inventories of polluting sources and forwarding of the same to regulatory authorities regularly and assisting authorities in enforcement.

6. Organizing activities like painting, essay writing, debate, elocution, quiz related to environment conservation.