

A Report on the activities organized during the academic session 2019-2020 by

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Plantation Drive in Garda College Campus

Sorabji Eco Club organized plantation drive on 29th September, 2019 in the college campus under the guidance of the In-Charge principal Dr. Dharmvir Gurjar. Dr. Dharmvir M. Gurjar encouraged the team by planting the trees in the campus. The team members of *Sorabji Eco Club* Dr. Radha S. Gautam, Dr. Asha R. Patel, Prof. Hetal R. Naik, and Ad-hoc professor Prof Swati Naik actively participated in this plantation drive. Supporting staff Shri Kamlesh B. Dhodia, Shri Mehernosh D. Maroliya and Ad-hoc staff member assisted wholeheartedly during the whole drive. Mr. Vispi B. Kasad, the Alumni of Garda College, was present on this occasion.



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Report on Environmental Awareness Programme

To mark 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, *Sorabji Eco Club* of S. B. Garda College in collaboration with NSS and NCC wings of the college organized an Environmental Awareness Program on 3rd October, 2019 in which more than 200 people-- staff members, *Sorabji Eco Club* members, NSS Volunteers and NCC cadets participated.

The program began with Mahatma Gandhi's favourite Bhajan '*Vaishnav Jan To tene Kahiye*'. Speaking on the occasion In/Charge principal Dr. Dharmvir M. Gurjar said that the Mahatma Gandhi is more relevant today. While citing many examples from Mahatma Gandhi's life, he appealed to the students that they should follow Gandhiji's preaching and principles in their lives especially on truth, cleanliness, tolerance and universal brotherhood. He said Mahatma Gandhi's whole life is an inspiration to all generations and he still is living in hearts of people.

The program was conducted by Dr. Radha S. Gautam. Dr. Asha R. Patel administered '*Shapath Vidhi*'. Dr. Mahavirsinh Gohil proposed vote of thanks. Prof. Hetal R. Naik along with others handled the management of the event.

'NO Single Use Plastic' and Swachhta Shapath'(Pledge)

On this occasion, in order to create awareness among the people about the adverse impact of plastic / polythene bags on environment and health, students and teachers were sensitized not to use plastic and to keep their homes, neighbourhood, city, Nation clean and green. The members of Eco club, NSS volunteers, NCC cadets, and staff members took '*No Plastic*' and '*Swachhata Shapath*' (pledge) spoken by Dr. Asha R. Patel.

Cloth bags were also distributed to the students by the principal Dr. Dharmvir M. Gurjar and Vice-principal Prof. Mahesh C. Naik with the message that the students should use cloth bags instead of poly bags. Dr. Radha S. Gautam while compering the program appealed the students to dispense with the polythene bags and cultivate the habit of using cloth bags, which are eco-friendly.

Rally from College Campus to Fuwara: On this occasion a rally was also organized from college campus to *Fuwara Char Rasta* with continuously chanting the bhajan '*Raghupati Raghav Rajaram*'. Students were holding banners in their hands with messages on Cleanliness, Green India, No Plastic, Save Water, Save Environment etc. After reaching at *Fuwara Char Rasta* Dr. Dharmvir M. Gurjar and other staff members paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi by garlanding the statue of Mahatma Gandhi with *Suttar Atti* and uttering slogans on Cleanliness and Go Green. The rally dispersed with slogan of *Mahatma Gandhi Ki Jai, Bharat Mata Ki Jai*.





Programme on Native Trees: Our Saviours, 21st January, 2020:

Sorabji Eco Club of S. B. Garda College organized a programme on '*Native Trees: Our Saviours*' on 21st January, 2020. The objective of the program was to make students aware of the importance of the Indian native trees. A group of students were sensitized and motivated to grow more and more native trees in their locales. An exhibition was also organized in which various Neem products and Native Trees Shri S. J. Vekariya, an Assistant Marketing Manager of GNFC, and Shri Vatsal Thakkar with his group of Grow Native Green Forum were invited as guest speakers. The programme began with the inauguration of the exhibition. The exhibition was kept open to all by lighting the lamp and cutting the ribbon by Dr. Dharmvir Gurjar and the dignitaries.

Afterwards all the guests and students assembled in the library hall for the main programme. The program began with the prayer sung by Miss Sujata, student of FYBA. The guests were felicitated by offering Bilva trees.

Dr. Dharmvir M. Gurjar welcomed all guests and spoke on the importance of trees in life. He emphasised on the need of growing more and more trees and make the surroundings green.

Shri S. J. Vekariya spoke on Neem Trees and its medicinal value in life. He started his lecture with the introduction of GNFC. He also briefed the role of GNFC in empowering less-privileged strata of society especially rural areas by providing them opportunity to sell neem fruits for manufacturing various neem products. He advocated the use of Neem and its products to remain healthy in life. He also encouraged students to grow Neem trees and said that students can also generate income by selling its various parts along with the conservation of Native Trees.

Shri Jinjala of Grow Native Green Forum elaborately spoke on the importance of Native Trees like Banyan, Peepal. He said that birds take shelter only on native trees so we should promote more and more native trees in our country. He said that India has a rich environmental history and nature was revered with great faith in ancient India. We have to retrieve our ancient heritage. In the end of his lecture he interacted with the students and appealed them to spread the message of Grow Native Green Forum everywhere by encouraging the society to grow more and more native trees.

The whole team of Sorabji Eco-club; professors-in charge and students worked together to organize this program. Dr. Radha S. Gautam compered the program and explained the cultural and social significance of the native trees. Dr. Asha R. Patel summarised the whole event in her vote of thanks. Prof. Hetal R. Naik and Prof. Arvind bhai Patel along with the students coordinated the exhibition section, arrangement and welcomed the guests. Many of the teaching, non-teaching staff members and 350 students of Arts and Commerce faculty were present on this occasion. All showed their commitment towards the mother Earth and make the planet green by growing more and more native trees. The programme ended with National anthem.





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Fair Visit
03-02-2020

The one day educational tour for the students of Sorabji Eco Club was organized on 03-02-2020 by S.B.Garda College, Navsari to visit Book Fair, Horticulture. The students were taken from Navsari to Surat by bus. After reaching the fair students visited different stalls in Horticulture section in which they saw multiple varieties of plants. Unique plants like very old Bonsai plants, unique multicoloured bougainvillea, Tulsi-Alovera Centre, fascinated the attention of all.

Afterwards, students were taken to visit Botanical Garden. Students were told about the different varieties of plants this unique botanical garden is equipped with.

Finally at 04:00PM students and staff members returned to Navsari. This tour was an enriching experience for the students as they got to know multiple variety of plants, different garden equipments, how to cultivate their vegetable garden etc. Total 17 students joined this tour. The tour was organised and supervised under the guidance of Dr. Asha R. Patel, Dr. Radha S. Gautam, Prof. Hetal R. Naik & Prof. Swatiben Desai.



