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Post-Event Summary Report

WORLD ENVIRONMENT WEEK CELEBRATIONS - 2024

Theme: *(Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience)*

05th - 11th June, 2024

Organizer: Department of Environmental Sciences, Govt. Degree College Vailoo Larnoo (J&K)

Collaborator: Eco-Club & NSS Unit - Govt. Degree College Vailoo Larnoo (J&K)

Programme Summary:

The World Environment Week Celebrations of 2024 at Government Degree College Larnoo were marked by a series of impactful events and activities focusing on the United Nations theme of "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience." The week-long celebrations aimed to raise awareness about environmental issues and encourage active participation in sustainable practices among students and staff.

Inaugural Ceremony and Lead Lecture

The celebrations commenced on 5th June, 2024, with an inaugural ceremony led by the esteemed Principal GDC Larnoo. In his opening speech, **Prof. Farooq Ahmad Pandith** - Principal GDC Larnoo, emphasized the critical importance of addressing land degradation, desertification, and drought resilience, noting these issues as some of the most pressing challenges of our times. He highlighted how these environmental concerns are interconnected with global sustainability efforts and stressed the need for collective action.

Following the inauguration, a lead lecture was delivered by Syeed Mudasir Mushtaq, the Head of the Department of Environmental Sciences. His lecture was centred on the theme of the week and delved into the intricate relationships between land restoration and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He articulated the necessity of restoring degraded land to combat desertification and enhance drought resilience, which in turn supports broader goals such as poverty reduction, food security, and climate action. His insightful presentation set the tone for the week, inspiring students and faculty alike to engage deeply with the theme.

Student Activities and Engagement

On 6th June, 2024, students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities designed to promote hands-on learning and active involvement in environmental conservation. These activities were chosen from a list proposed by APEX SDG, a



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global organization dedicated to sustainable development education. Students could select activities that resonated with their interests and strengths, ensuring enthusiastic participation. One notable participant, Muskan Jan from BG 2nd Semester (Batch-2023), took part in three significant activities: 5000 Step Challenge (an activity encouraging students to walk 5000 steps, promoting physical health while also highlighting the importance of reducing vehicular emissions by opting for walking); Cloth Bag Manufacturing (an activity engaging students in creating reusable cloth bags, thereby contributing to reducing plastic waste and promoting sustainable consumption practices) and Land Reclamation (an activity in which she did aware others of a land reclamation project, which involved practical efforts to restore degraded land of theirs, reinforcing the week's theme through direct action).



These activities not only provided practical experience but also instilled a sense of responsibility and empowerment among students, showcasing how individual actions can contribute to larger environmental goals.



Cleanliness Drive

The week-long celebrations continued with a campus-wide cleanliness drive scheduled for 11th June, 2024. This initiative saw active participation from students who took to cleaning the areas around classrooms and the playground. The drive aimed to foster a culture of cleanliness and environmental stewardship within the campus community. By working together to maintain a clean and healthy environment, students demonstrated their commitment to sustainable practices and the well-being of their immediate surroundings.



Closing Remarks:

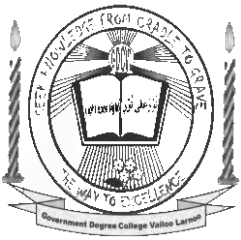
The celebrations concluded with a final address by Syeed Mudasir Mushtaq, who thanked all the participants for their enthusiastic involvement throughout the week. He emphasized that while the week's activities were a great start, continuous and sustained efforts are necessary to bring about meaningful change. He reminded the students that environmental conservation and sustainability are ongoing responsibilities that require regular action and mindfulness.

Conclusion:

The World Environment Week Celebrations at GDC Larnoo in 2024 were a resounding success, marked by active participation, educational lectures, and hands-on activities. The focus on "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience" not only highlighted critical global issues but also empowered students and faculty to contribute actively to sustainable development goals. The events of the week served as a powerful reminder of the impact of collective effort in addressing environmental challenges and fostering a more sustainable future.

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Programme schedule

S.No.	Date & Time	Event/Activity
1	05 th June, 2024 ; 12:00 pm	Inaugural session
2	05 th June, 2024 ; 12:00 pm	Expert talk
3	06 th June, 2024 ; 12:00 pm	Documentary/Showcase of activities conducted under APEX SDG
4	10 th June, 2024 ; 12:00 pm	Campus cleanliness drive
5	11 th June, 2024 ; 12:00 pm	Skit on the theme / valedictory

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

2. [Redacted] are also [Redacted] to be a part of the [Redacted] before 11:45 pm.
3. The programme shall start at 12:00 pm on the scheduled dates.



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