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To
The Principal

Pune

Sub: Air Quality Education and AQI Awareness Programme for Schools and Colleges in Pune

Dear Madam/Sir,

As you may know, Centre for Environment Education (CEE) was established in 1984 as a Centre of Excellence of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. As a national institute, CEE's mandate is to promote environmental awareness nationwide. CEE develops innovative programmes and educational material and builds capacity in the field of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

CEE in collaboration with Pune Municipal Corporation, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology Pune, Natural Resources Defence Council US, and Alleima Foundation Pune has developed the air quality education and AQI awareness programme for schools and colleges in Pune. The programme aims to raise awareness about Air Quality Index (AQI) and educate school and college students about air quality management linking it with the curriculum.

In order to reach out to children and youth, CEE has prepared an air quality education kit including AQI flags, posters and EE activities for school and college students. The environmental educators are trained to orient teachers and conduct interactive sessions with students.

Through this programme, CEE is reaching out to 250 schools and 50 colleges in Pune to undertake following activities:

1. Enrol schools and colleges for air quality education and AQI awareness programme,
2. Orient teachers, demonstrate, and install AQI apps (Sameer/Safar-air),
3. Provide AQ education kit including AQI posters and flags, set up air quality wall,
4. Conduct EE activity and games with students, and
5. Give information about online session for teachers on air quality education.

In this regard, we request for your permission to conducting orientation of 1-2 teacher/s nominated by you and an education session with students of one of the classes or Eco Club members at your institution. We would also like to have your feedback and information collected by the educators.

We thank you for your support and time and looking forward for future association with your esteemed institution on the topics of EE and ESD.

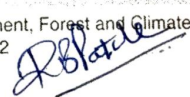
Yours sincerely,



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Department of Environmental Science
Academic Year 2023-24

Activity Report

Activity topic: Air Quality Education and AQI Awareness Program by CEE

Date: 17th February 2024

Following are the details of the Event:

Event Name: Air Quality Education and AQI Awareness Program

Date: 17th February 2024

Venue: College

Activity Coordinator: Mrs. Amruta Chavan

Department Name: Department of Environmental Science

For whom: College students

Platform: College Level

Number of attendees: 49 students

Detailed Report:

The Poona Gujarati Kelavani Mandal's, Haribhai V. Desai College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Pune, Department of Environmental Science and Center for Education and Environment (CEE) conducted an Air Quality Education and AQI Awareness Program for students at Haribhai V. Desai College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Pune-02. This program was an initiative by CEE, in collaboration with Pune Municipal Corporation, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Natural Defence Council, US and Alleima foundation, Pune.

The main objective of the program is to raise awareness about Air Quality Index (AQI) and educate college students about air quality management linking it with the curriculum. In order to reach out youth, CEE has taken initiative, has prepared an air quality education kit, The environmental educator Ms. Jyoti Pawar trained teachers and students about AQI. The demonstration of Sameer App, which publishes data of AQI by Central Pollution Control Board, was conducted for both faculty and students. Mrs. Amruta Chavan, P. G. Coordinator,



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Department of Environmental Science, made students aware about the need to monitor AQI. Dr. Rajashree Patwardhan, Vice – Prinicpal, Science faculty encouraged students to participate in the activity and access data on Sameer App and refer the AQI posters for further understanding. A air quality wall was set-up in college by displaying AQI posters and flags. The purpose was to increase awareness regarding Air Quality

Outcome: Students understood the importance of the AQI and the necessity to monitor for air quality.

Conclusion: The activity was successfully conducted with student participation and awareness regarding Air Quality was created through this initiative.

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