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It gives me pleasure to inform you that the Centre for Restoration of Ecosystem of Punjab established in Punjabi University, with a mandate to restore degrading ecosystems has been sanctioned a grant of Rs. 5 lakhs by Punjab State Council for Science and Technology. This is an initiative of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under the 'National Green Corps' program, so as to establish the Eco clubs in the colleges affiliated to Punjabi University, Patiala. For this purpose, a sum of Rs.5000 is to be transferred to your college in order to undertake the following activities:

- a. Innovation initiatives for Ecosystem restoration and awareness.
- b. Awareness on solid waste management through waste segregation (biodegradable and non-biodegradable) and on concept of 4Rs i.e.; Reduce,Reuse, Recycle and Recover" amongst students through establishing 2-Bins in schools—(1) Blue Bin for dry waste like Paper waste, Glass waste, E-waste and (2) Green Bin for wet waste.
- c. Celebration of important environmental days in schools such as World Environment Day, World Wetland Day, Earth Day, etc. by organising debates, quiz, slogan competitions, drawing/poster competitions etc, on the related theme.
- d. Plantation drives in and around the school campus, organised in the district/locality.
- e. Cleanliness and sanitation drives.
- f. Curbing the use of Single Use Plastics (SUPs).
- g. Other related activities.

It may kindly be noted that the Eco clubs are required to duly acknowledge PSCST as the state nodal agency of National Green Corps program in all banners, press releases, social media posts etc with a mention of MoEF&CC as supporting agency. A standard template of the banner to be displayed is attached here with.

You are requested to provide the account details of your college at the earliest, so that the funds can be wired. Please ensure that the activities related to this mission are to be carried immediately after the release of funds.

Sincerely

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