

Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) and Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) in collaboration with Directorate of Public Instructions (Colleges) Punjab invites participants for a webinar '*Workshop on Resource Efficiency in Educational Campuses - North Region*' for Internal Quality Assurance Cell members, faculty, students and others inhabiting or involved in education campuses. It will be **held in online mode on 23 September 2022 from 11AM to 12:30PM**. The workshop is free and one can register at <https://forms.gle/95dbvkdBktmKv6Xy9>. Last day of registration: 18 September 2022

CSE believes there is much that the campuses can do to promote environmentally responsible practices and behaviour, and encourage low-carbon emitting, energy efficient, water prudent, less wasteful, greener practices in the campuses. This webinar is a window to highlight this potential. Currently, campuses are involved in green audits under a NAAC requirement. CSE has designed a green audit system that recognizes the campus' efforts better than the check-box type audit instruments of the government. This webinar will introduce this system, strengthen your understanding on green audits and will take you through the efforts of other campuses in this regard in a bid to enable mutual learning.

CSE launched its Green Campus Initiative in 2017. Since then, a national network of campuses has been engaged time and again to transform educational campuses into sustainable, resource prudent and less wasteful habitats. We encourage campuses to get onboard our journey to bring knowledge into the practice and register for our Green Campus Initiative.

Regards

Dear Dr. Tarunpreet Singh Thind,

Greetings from CSE, hope this email finds you in good health.

With reference to our telephonic conversation, we propose to conduct a joint webinar on 23 September 2022 on the topic of Resource Efficiency in Educational Campuses.

CSE launched its Green Campus Initiative in 2017. Since then, a national network of campuses has been engaged time and again to transform educational campuses into sustainable, resource prudent and less wasteful habitats. CSE also has an ongoing engagement on the subject with Punjab Pollution Control Board and have recently been engaged in helping them with creating green guidelines for offices.

Several publications by CSE have captured the best green practices by educational campuses in the past. This includes - *A Green Campus Compendium: Incubation, Experimentation and Demonstration of a Green Future* (Available at <https://www.cseindia.org/a-green-campus-compendium-9902>) and *Green Campus Movement* (Available at <https://www.cseindia.org/green-campus-movement-10851>).

CSE in the past has carried out several webinars and conclaves in which we introduced a green audit system to educators from across the nation. The system allows campuses to measure their efforts for sustainability and helps them to capture the qualitative and

quantitative performance of the green initiatives taken. This approach is more sophisticated than that used by NAAC. We sensitized the educators on a green campus inventorisation and benchmarking process and demonstrated the selected good practices for mutual learning. The green audit and benchmarking process together inculcates the campus inhabitants with basic education on how to bring sustainability in our surroundings. Links of some of these events are available for your reference: *Regional dialogues on regional campus* (<https://www.cseindia.org/dialogue-on-green-campus-10180>), *How green is our campus* (<https://www.cseindia.org/how-green-is-our-campus-10931>), *Conclave 2021*, *The New World Dis(order)* (<https://www.cseindia.org/conclave-2021-the-new-world-dis-order-10970>).

CSE believes there is much that the campuses can do to promote environmentally responsible practices and behaviour, and encourage low-carbon emitting, energy efficient, water prudent, less wasteful, greener practices in the campuses. This webinar is a window to highlight this potential. We would like Government college for girls, Ludhiana to convene the colleges from the North region remotely on a digital platform in collaboration with CSE for the proposed webinar.

The title of the webinar may be '*Regional Dialogue on Resource Efficiency in Educational Campuses*'. It may be scheduled for a duration of one and a half hours, starting at 11 am on 23rd September 2022.

CSE will provide the digital resources and the resource persons to deliberate the webinar. We would like your college to share its vision/views on sustainable practices in the campus during the webinar.

We look forward to receiving your opinion on the joint webinar.

Thank you.