

Government of Punjab
Department of Science, Technology and Environment
(STE Branch)

NOTIFICATION

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Dated, Chandigarh the 05.05.2022

- 1) In recognition of the need to strengthen creation of scientific temper in the society, explain complex scientific concepts and disseminate information on key S & T issues through science outreach, the Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Government of Punjab has approved the "Mission Popular Science". The Mission is spearheaded by Pushpa Gujral Science City (PGSC), a premier science communication and outreach facility established by the State Government, as conceptualized by Punjab State Council for Science & Technology (PSCST), the State level node of DST-Gol for promotion of science, technology and innovation in Punjab.
- 2) It is notified that under Mission Popular Science, PGSC will provide the following services to development departments of the State:
 - (i) Avenues for non-formal education to supplement formal science education and promoting the concept of edutainment among schools and Higher Education institutions through interactive exhibits, activities and competitions;
 - (ii) Conducting science based outreach programs and exhibitions on behalf of client departments and organizations of the State Government like Tandrust Punjab Mission, Departments of School, Higher & Technical Education, Department of Water Supply and Sanitation, Departments of Rural and Urban Development as well as industry & corporates etc.;
 - (iii) Avenues for field visits for compulsory Environment Studies course in Department of Higher Education;
 - (iv) Integrating science tourism;
 - (v) Offering platform for motivating students for out of box thinking through Innovation Hub, supporting Atal Tinkering Labs and liaison with other grass root organizations so that students can be motivated to undertake innovative activities for societal benefit.
 - (vi) Developing, designing, operating and maintaining Mobile Exhibitions on scientific subjects and sustainable development.
 - (vii) Assisting the departments in designing and development of interactive exhibits with science based content.
 - (viii) Collaborating with client Departments for holding trainings, capacity building programs, interaction with experts, organizing seminars, conferences and workshops aimed at scientific outreach.

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- 3) The programs will be conducted in Project mode and charges for above activities will be payable by various departments and other organizations of the State Government, without any tendering process, on signing of MoUs, as per mutual consent.
- 4) PGSC will design & develop materials and conduct programs in consultation with the client department and will be bound by the guidelines as specified by the client department.
- 5) All Departments and Organizations of the State Government, including Boards, Corporations, Societies and Cooperatives etc. are hereby advised to use the services of PGSC for outreach activities stated above, to the maximum extent possible.
- 6) Science Popularization and Environment Outreach Schemes supported by DST-Gol, MoEFCC, Gol, other departments/organizations and Industry/ Corporates etc. to State S&T Councils in the country will continue to be operated by Punjab State Council for Science & Technology. PGSC and PSCST will continue to collaborate as per MoU signed in perpetuity between the two organizations.

Dated; 05.05.2022
Chandigarh.



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Deptt. of Science, Technology & Environment

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A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action please:-

- i) Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Dept. of School Education.
- ii) Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Dept. of Higher Education and Languages.
- iii) Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Dept. of Technical Education & Industrial Training.
- iv) Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Dept. of New & Renewable Energy Sources.
- v) Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Dept. of Water Supply & Sanitation


Manjeet Singh Randhawa
Superintendent

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A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action please:-:-

- i) Financial Commissioner, Rural Development & Panchayat (esp. Biodiversity education), Govt. of Punjab
- ii) Financial Commissioner, Forest & Wildlife, Govt. of Punjab.


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