## On-Line Essay Writing Competition on "Say No to Plastic" organised by NCC wing and PG Department of Journalism & Mass Communication, Doaba College.

Under the revered guidelines of UGC, to reduce the use of plastic especially the single use plastic and dispose off the plastic waste, an on-line essay writing competition was organised by NCC wing of Doaba College, Jalandhar, in collaboration with PG Department of Journalism & Mass Communication.

The competition received forty online submissions of essays from the various departments of the college and most of the outstanding essays not only brought forward the reasons to say no to plastic but also suggested innovative practices that can be adopted to make this planet a safe & clean place for future generation. They also stressed upon the need for the involvement of youth in attaining so.

In English language, Kalpana, Gulshan and Palavi bagged First, Second and Third positions respectively. In Hindi language, Aseem achieved First position, Neelam and Shilpa shared Second and Shama Sharma bagged Third position in the competition. Similarly, in Punjabi language, Rajiv, Simran Kaur and Aarti stood First, Second and Third in competition. These entries were invited online.

The essays were judged on various parameters, including, introduction, creativity, originality, unity, development of thought, grammar and conclusion etc. Prof. Sandeep Chahal, Associate Professor, Department of English; Dr. Satinder Kaur, Assistant Professor, Department of Punjabi and Dr. Munish Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Education scrutinised the submissions made by students.

Dr. Pardeep Bhandari while acknowledging the innovative thoughts of the students, motivated them to not only limiting their efforts in bringing positive environmental changes at personal level but also diligently work in sensitising the society regarding the same. He further highly appreciated the efforts of Lt. Rahul Bhardwaj, In charge, NCC, Doaba College and Dr. Simran Sidhu, Head, PG Department of Journalism & Mass Communication for organising a competition related to highly sensitive environmental concern.

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