

REPORT ON CRASH COURSE ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURE FOR HOSPITALITY STUDENTS FROM CHITKARA UNIVERSITY

Dated: 28th April 2025 to 9th May 2025

Department: Hospitality

Number of Students: 50

Faculty: Prof. (Dr.) ANURAG TEWARI & Mr. SUBE SINGH

Theory: Presentations at Conference Room

Practical: Yellow Point Farm

The **Crash Course on Organic Farming** is designed to introduce hospitality students to the principles, practices, and importance of organic agriculture. The course will provide an understanding of how chemical-free and environmentally responsible farming methods contribute to healthy food production, soil conservation, biodiversity, and sustainable livelihoods. Students will be introduced to organic inputs such as compost, vermicompost, biofertilizers, botanical pesticides, and natural soil amendments.

The course will also focus on the **farm-to-fork connection**, which is highly relevant to the hospitality industry. Students will learn how organically grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, spices, and other farm products can be incorporated into hotels, restaurants, cafés, and institutional kitchens. Practical exposure to organic farming activities, harvesting, grading, post-harvest handling, and basic value addition will help students understand how freshness, quality, traceability, and sustainability can enhance the culinary and hospitality experience.

Through interactive sessions, demonstrations, and practical activities, students will gain a basic understanding of establishing and managing an organic farm or kitchen garden. The programme will also highlight opportunities for **organic farm-to-table initiatives, sustainable menus, eco-friendly hospitality, agri-tourism, and responsible sourcing**. Overall, the crash course aims to develop awareness and practical skills among hospitality students while encouraging them to promote healthy food, environmental sustainability, and locally sourced organic produce in the hospitality sector.

Aspects Covered: Importance of Organic Farming, Water Conservation in Agriculture, Hydroponics, Micropropagation, Growth Potential of Agriculture in INDIA, Diversity in fruits of INDIA, Status of INDIAN Agriculture & Status of Agriculture in PUNJAB etc.



REPORT ON LECTURE ON ORGANIC FARMING & PLANTATION FOR STUDENTS FROM SS SCHOOL, MOHI KHURD, RAJPURA, PATIALA, PUNJAB

Dated: 5th December 2025

Event: WORLD SOIL DAY CELEBRATION

Number of Students: 100

Faculty: Prof. (Dr.) ANURAG TEWARI, Mr. SUBE SINGH & Miss Simran

Theory: IMPORTANCE & NECESSITY OF ORGANIC FARMING IN PUNJAB

Practical: Plantation of indigenous species of PUNJAB Forest

Organic farming is a sustainable method of agriculture that focuses on growing crops without excessive use of synthetic fertilizers and chemical pesticides. It promotes the use of natural manures, compost, biofertilizers, crop rotation and biological methods of pest management. For students, learning about organic farming helps develop an understanding of healthy food production, soil conservation, biodiversity and environmentally responsible agricultural practices.

Plantation is an important part of sustainable farming and environmental conservation. Planting fruit trees, timber species, medicinal plants and native trees helps improve air quality, reduce soil erosion, conserve water and provide habitat for birds and beneficial insects. Students can participate in plantation activities and learn practical skills such as seed selection, nursery raising, planting, watering, mulching and caring for young plants.

Organic farming and plantation together provide students with valuable hands-on learning about nature and sustainable living. School gardens, kitchen gardens, herbal gardens and small plantation areas can serve as practical learning spaces where students observe plant growth and understand the importance of soil, water and biodiversity. Such activities encourage environmental awareness, responsibility and an appreciation for agriculture as an essential part of a healthy and sustainable future.

Aspects Covered: Necessity of Organic Farming in Punjab. Importance of organic farming. Advantages of organic farming. Agri inputs used in organic farming.



Activities: Address to students about organic farming. Plantation of indigenous species of Punjab in Senior Secondary School, Mohi Khurd, Rajpura, Patiala, Punjab.

