ECOSIKH WAS LAUNCHED IN 2009 AS A RESPONSE TO A CALL BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO WORLD RELIGIONS TO SAVE THE EARTH’S ENVIRONMENT. OVER 200 SIKH LEADERS, ACTIVISTS AND UN OFFICIALS GATHERED AT THE LAUNCH OF ECOSIKH IN NEW DELHI IN 2009. SINCE OUR HUMBLE BEGINNINGS, ECOSIKH HAS FACILITATED MANY EXCITING PROJECTS IN PUNJAB AND AROUND THE WORLD. FOR THE FIRST TIME, SIKHS ARE BEING SEEN AS ACTIVISTS FOR MOTHER NATURE!

The following activities are happening around the world and can inspire you to help your Gurdwara become more eco-conscious:

MARCH 14TH IS SIKH ENVIRONMENT DAY (SED): EcoSikh launched SED in 2010. Thousands of Sikhs are celebrating March 14th as Sikh Environment day by marking the Gurgaddi Diwas of Guru Har Rai ji. In 2003, 1500 Sikh gurdwaras, educational institutions, schools and colleges have celebrated SED in a meaningful manner by taking green actions.

AMRITSAR JOINS THE GREEN PILGRIMAGE NETWORK: In 2011, EcoSikh facilitated SGPC and Punjab Government to represent Amritsar in Assisi, Italy, making the holy city a founding member of this prestigious Network. Jerusalem and many other faith cities are also its members.

PLASTIC AND POLLUTION FREE HOLA MOHALLA CELEBRATIONS AT ANANDPUR SAHIB: EcoSikh urged the Punjab Govt. and city officials on this issue and this led to a strict implementation of ban on plastic bags below 30 microns in size in Punjab. We will continue to press upon on this issue.

PUNJAB ENVIRONMENT SUMMIT HOSTED WITH INDUSTRIALISTS, SCIENTISTS, AND EDUCATORS IN JULY 2012: EcoSikh has prompted Ludhiana industry and business leaders to take voluntarily action to stop the pollution of water that leads directly to waters of Punjab which are becoming deadly for the land and humans.

AMRITSAR FOUNDATION DAY ON JULY 6: This historical day, when Guru Ramdas ji laid the foundation of this spiritual city, was celebrated by EcoSikh with Amritsar civic bodies and religious institutions this year. For the first time, Amritsar, in its 436 years of history, sees citizens caring for the city’s ecology. Hundreds took mass action towards saving water, increasing green cover and also caring for clean air. Various religious, governmental, and social events this day inspired citizens and visitors to care for the city’s dwindling natural resources.

Increased of forest cover in Amritsar District, with 130,000 trees planted in a four month span.

NANDED JOINS INTERNATIONAL NETWORK: Nanded and Hazoor Sahib join the Green Pilgrimage Network. Nanded, the city where Guru Granth Sahib was given the Gurgaddi, is now on the international map as a Green spot. City and Hazoor Sahib is planning a major launch early next year.

NAULAKHA BAAGH: An herbal garden, started by Guru Har Rai ji over 400 years ago in Kiratput Sahib, was virtually non-existent. At EcoSikh’s prompting, this glorious garden is now being restored to its full glory. Much more plans are underway.

GREEN GURDWARAS: Many gurdwaras across the world are now taking meaningful actions to becoming greener in their operations – including changes in lights, water usage, and switching to eco-friendly ways. EcoSikh’s awareness campaign through literature and use of social media is inspiring many to become committed to this cause. Hundreds of youngsters are becoming “Eco-Warriors”. 
ENGAGING THE WHITE HOUSE:
EcoSikh has been recently invited to the White House to discuss the growing threat of climate change. EcoSikh is now being consulted to join in meetings and discussions on the national policy of President Obama on climate change.

SIKH PERSPECTIVE ON CLIMATE CHANGE:
EcoSikh issues a major statement on climate change from the Sikh perspective. This statement is to bring Sikhs in the center stage of this global dialogue.

ECOSIKH AT THE INTERFAITH SUMMIT ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN NEW YORK:
EcoSikh was part of the meetings at the United Nations this fall. Religious leaders from all over the world convened at the UN to issue a joint statement on climate change. EcoSikh representatives were in attendance and signed the statement. Thousands of activists attended the march, including many Sikh youth.

SIKH YOUTH ECOLEADERS:
A youth leader's network is being envisioned to train our young people to become leaders to preserve Mother Earth.

Together we can do our part on Sikh Environment Day

With gratitude...
We need the Sikh community's – and especially your – support to make this vision a reality.

EcoSikh is a global environmental initiative through which Sikhs are engaged in issues related to the earth, its resources and its inhabitants.

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