

Agents of change programme

Building young leaders for sustainability



Agriculture sector is facing the crisis of stagnating productivity and profitability as well as deterioration of water resources. Climate change is further aggravating the situation which calls for immediate action.

Agents of Change Programme is an agricultural extension module designed by CIPT. It provides a unique platform for agricultural students, teachers and farming community to interact and explore innovative solutions for sustainable agriculture.

By creating a conducive environment, AOC programme builds a lab-to-land connect for students bridging the gap between their theoretical and experiential learning. It creates opportunities where students can implement their classroom learning in real life amidst the challenges faced by farmers.

AOC Framework

- A** Building Teams
- B** Identifying problem areas
- C** Interactions with farmers
- D** Identifying and prioritising solutions
- E** Converting ideas into actions



AGENTS OF CHANGE PROGRAMME AT KHALSA COLLEGE, AMRITSAR, PUNJAB

20,000+ Farmers

1,000+ Students

80+ Villages



AOC Pilot at Khalsa College

The Agents of Change Programme was piloted with 750 students of Khalsa College, Amritsar in Punjab in 2015. CIPT team and more than 30 faculty members of Department of Agriculture were involved in the successful implementation of the programme. The students were engaged with farmers from 65 villages in the Amritsar District. Frequent interactions between students and farmers were focused on studying the current resources, issues and exploring the possible solutions.



Institutionalisation of AOC at Khalsa College

After excellent results in 2015, the Board of Studies at Khalsa College formally institutionalised AOC into mainstream curriculum of its Agricultural Department in the academic session of 2016. With facilitation by CIPT team, AOC Programme was led by Khalsa College students. The students followed an “edutainment” approach to create awareness among farmers and build their capacities on water depletion issues in Punjab and related solutions. For this they used an informative board game on the field.



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