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## COLLEGE NOTES



Dignitaries with the prize winners during a seminar at Khalsa College in Patiala on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

### State-level seminar 3

Patiala: A one-day state-level seminar on 'biodiversity and sustainable tourism' was organised at Khalsa College, Patiala, by its Postgraduate Department of Agriculture. The seminar was sponsored by the National Biodiversity Authority of the Government of India in collaboration with the Punjab Biodiversity Board in order to celebrate International Day for Biological Diversity-2017. SGPC president Kirpal Singh Badungar said: "It is our moral duty to conserve the biodiversity and create a balance in the environment". College principal Dhaminder Singh Ubha said such seminars play a significant role in guiding students and faculty members to provide knowledge regarding various issues related to conservation of biodiversity. Munruchi, Professor, Department of Botany of Punjabi University, Patiala, said there was a symbiotic relationship between biodiversity and tourism. Tourism is one of the world's fastest growing industries as well as the major source of foreign exchange earnings and employment for many developing countries and it is increasingly focusing on natural environments. Avneet Pal Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany of Punjabi University, also threw light on rare, endangered, vulnerable and extinct species of plants and animals. Students also participated in poster-making competition, declamation contest and slogan-writing contest. cc