

## भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (भारतीय खनि विद्यापीठ), धनबाद Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad

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IIT (ISM) conducts intensive cleanliness cum plantation drive at Madhya Vidyalaya Kusumdaha as part of 2<sup>nd</sup> event of Swachhata Pakhwada.

As part of 2<sup>nd</sup> event of Swachhata Pakhwada, a cleanliness cum plantation drive was conducted today by a team of faculty members, students and staff of IIT (ISM) at Madhya Vidyalaya Kusumdaha (Bagula Basti), during which intensive cleaning of the school campus and plantation of wide variety of saplings was carried out.

The three hour drive carried out under the leadership of Prof Sanjeev Anand Sahu, Head, Center of Societal Mission began at around 9.30 a.m. with the cleanliness drive during which garbage lying littered around the campus was cleaned while the unwanted weeds lying near the classrooms and toilets were removed by the student volunteers of Karma Jyoti, a wing of Centre of Societal Development and other staff of the institute.

Smt. Neelam Kumari, Principal of School, who was present during drive along with other teachers and students of the school, lauded the effort taken by IIT (ISM) fraternity in carrying out the cleanliness drive as well as plantation drive, which generated awareness among the students of the school towards the significance of the cleanliness mission and also about the environmental conservation.

Prof Sahu said, "The drive conducted as per the directive of Deptt. Of Higher Education, Ministry of Education was also aimed to generate awareness among the common people in general and generation next in particular about the significance of cleanliness"

"We carried out the special cleanliness drive of the girls' toilet of the schools during which the shrubs and weeds grown near the entrance of the toilet were removed and sprinkling of the Bleaching Powder etc was carried out to make the toilet reusable" said Prof Sahu.

During the plantation drive carried out immediately after the completion of cleanliness drive altogether 15 sapling of different plants including, Arjun, Karanj, Jamun, Teak, Sagwan and Salem were planted under the *EK Ped Maa Ke Naam* drive. The Plantation drive conducted in association with Horticulture Section of the Dean (Infrastructure) of IIT (ISM) also witnessed guarding of the newly planted saplings with gabions.

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