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## **PRESS-RELEASE**

### **Intensive cleaning of black spot carried out under Swachhata Hi Sewa campaign at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.**

The team of faculty members and cleanliness workers today carried out a cleanliness drive under Swachhata Hi Sewa 2024 (Sampoorna Swachhhata/Swachh Lakshait Ekayi) on the passway near the Diamod and Jasper hostel, where they carried out the intensive cleaning of the black spot behind the Diamond Hostel.

The drive carried out under the leadership of Prof. Sanjeev Anand Sahu, Head, Centre of Societal Mission (CSM) of IIT (ISM), which began at around 2.30 p.m. and continued for more than an hour, during which the heaps of garbage lying on the black spot were cleaned and transferred to the garbage dumping site.

Dr. Patitapaban Sahu, Associate Professor, Department of Mining Engineering, and Dr. Ananda Shankar Hati, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical, who were also present during the occasion, coordinated the drive.

Divulging details, Prof. Sahu said, "We carried out the cleanliness of the garbage today under Sampoorna Swachhata through Shramdaan, including Swachhata Lakshait Ekayi, which is one of three important pillars of the Swachhata Hi Sewa campaign, and we identified a black spot at the institute campus itself and carried out its cleaning with the help of sanitation workers who were equipped with protective gear.

"A similar drive will be carried out in Koranga Basti tomorrow (September 22), during which our team of faculty members assisted by sanitation workers will participate in the cleaning mission of another black sport in the basti," said Prof. Sahu.

The Swachhata Hi Sewa campaign was launched in IIT (ISM) on September 19 with a plantation drive carried out in 180 quarters area under Swachhata Ki Bhagidari.

The plantation drive, which is also part of the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign, focused on creating a "Matri Van" using the Miyawaki technique.

About 80 students from various colleges of Dhanbad, besides the research scholars, staff members, officers, and faculty members, took part in the drive, which was inaugurated by Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM), along with his wife, Madam Smt. Sakuntala Mishra, and others, including Shri Prabodh Pandey, Registrar; Prof. Amit Rai Dixit, Dean (Infrastructure); Prof. Sunil Kumar Gupta, Dean Students Welfare (DSW); Prof. Alok Sinha, HoD, ESE and Coordinator, EIACP (PC-RP); Suresh Pandian, Associate Professor, ESE; and Prof. Sanjeev Anand Sahu, Head CSM.

Around 250 saplings of native forest species like Teak (*Tectona grandis*), Semal (*Bombax ceiba*), and Karanj (*Millettia pinnata*), as well as sericulture host plants such as Mulberry (*Morus alba*), Som (*Persea bombycina*), Soalu (*Litsea monopetala*), and Arjun (*Terminalia arjuna*), were planted during the drive.

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