

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT IIT MANDI

Dated: - 22nd & 23rd April, 2016

“Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

The Sun with its family of eight planets – now that the distant ice-covered Pluto is no more a ‘planet’—make our galaxy, the Milky Way; but of all the planets the Earth turned out to be the luckiest. This is because it is the only planet where life became possible, at least far as our knowledge goes. Life in its most beautiful forms developed here, be it humans, animals, plants or marine life. The one thing that made Earth unique was the presence of a superb form of intelligent life called the human race. But somewhere on the way the human race lost its humanity, forgot to acknowledge the planet that gave it life; and used its resources ruthlessly. The world now marks the Earth Day to make the human race realize the importance of the Mother Earth.

Earth Day is celebrated every year on the 22nd of April. In 1970, a senator from Wisconsin, USA, Gaylord Nelson first conceived of this day. The senator was worried about the rate of industrialization and the careless attitude of everyone towards our environment. It was envisaged to promote the idea of ecology, to encourage respect for life on Earth, and highlight growing concerns about different kinds of pollution. The question arises as to why we celebrate Earth Day? It's because we seem to have forgotten what a beautiful gift we have been given in the form of planet Earth. We also seem to have forgotten that this is our home and we need to keep it in order to stay healthy and alive.

In this spirit in mind NSS unit IIT Mandi collaborated with Green Panel, IIT Mandi organized first “Earth Day” on dated 22nd April, 2016 evening and 23rd April, 2016 for the whole day. On 22 April evening, there was an art competition open for all residents of IIT campus, on the theme: - “SAVE OUR MOTHER EARTH”. On 23 April morning, we organized “Cleanliness Drive” at IIT Mandi Kamand campus. The NSS team, students, faculties along with few kids and staffs were present in the event headed by Dr. Arnav Bhavsar, NSS Advisor.

A van was arranged for transporting all accumulated garbage to Mandi. The garbage

consisted of non-biodegradable wastes only as the biodegradable wastes being now vermin composted in our campus – a way of natural recycling. The cleanliness drive continued for 3 hours and accomplished with great success as all residents of the campus co-operated and encouraged the event.



NSS volunteers with other students and staff members are collecting garbage



A group photo after the clean day

After the end of the programme, there were refreshments served in porcelain utensils - **A step towards avoidance the usage of paper cups and plates.**