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Plantation Drive Carried Out At IIT Bhubaneswar On The Eve Of World Environment Day**

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IIT Bhubaneswar, on the eve of World Environment Day, organized a plantation drive inside the campus aimed at campaigning for green culture and promoting a greener ecosystem along with providing a pollution-free atmosphere to the residents inside the campus. The drive was inaugurated by R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar.

R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar said, *“We at IIT Bhubaneswar are committed towards building a green campus, we have achieved a fairly good amount of success in this endeavour, and the same will continue. We aim to create a good sense of social responsibility towards our Mother Nature and eco-friendliness among our students through this initiative. Through such initiatives, we would like to set an example to our students and particularly motivate the residents to contribute to the protection of the environment as active stakeholders, who would like to give back to our mother nature by contributing to a sustainable ecosystem.”*

“The cycling culture adopted by students at our Institute is a glaring example of the wellness aspect and greener environment. This initiative, I am sure would help in creating more awareness about the importance of growing trees to prevent global warming and thereby reducing pollution”, he added.

He also said that Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change initiated a National Clean Air Programme with all IITs, IIT Bhubaneswar along with Odisha State Pollution Control Board taking active participation in this initiative.

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The plantation saw active participation from the Institute members, faculties, staff, their respective families and students. Also participated in the drive were V. R. Pedireddi, Dean-Student Affairs, Col (Dr) Subodh Kumar, Registrar, Dr M. Sabarimalai Manikandan, Pic (Horticulture). Through today’s event, the students and residents felt intimately connected with nature in their efforts of building a greener campus. The seeds of social and environmental responsibility sown at Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar is sure to bear fruit in the near future and go a long way.