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PLANTATION DRIVE CARRIED OUT BY IIT BHUBANESWAR

28th March, 2019, Bhubaneswar: On the advice of Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director and continuing with the tradition of eco-friendly activities for preserving the environment, IIT Bhubaneswar in association with Syndicate Bank, carried out an external plantation drive from the IIT main gate (Khudupur Square) to NISER Square, Jatni-Argul road on the 28th March, 2019. The main intention is to promote a greener ecosystem along with providing a pollution-free atmosphere to the local inhabitants.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. R.V. Rajakumar, Honorable Director said, *"With this initiative, we would like to set an example to the citizens and particularly motivate the nearby villagers to contribute to the protection of the environment as active stakeholders. We see this as a great means for all of us to give back to our mother nature by contributing to a sustainable ecosystem. We at IIT Bhubaneswar are committed towards building a green campus and have achieved a fairly good success in this endeavour, and it will continue. This initiative, I am sure would help in creating more awareness among the general public about the importance of growing trees to prevent global warming and thereby reducing pollution."* Prof. Rajakumar also thanked the Syndicate Bank for joining the Initiative and shouldering the plantation.

The plantation of the trees was successfully carried out as per the said schedule. The plantation saw active participation from the Institute members, faculties and staff. Also present at the event were Mr. K.C. Tudu, Regional Manager, Syndicate Bank along with his staff members. There were 240 plants of fully grown size of 8 feet planted at an approx. cost of Rs. 2lacs (Inclusive of Plant, Labour and Transportation etc.). The total budget approved by Syndicate Bank was Rs. 2 Lacs for the initiative.



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