

Workshop Report

IEC Campaign to Promote Green Environment, Clean Environment.

Workshop, Drawing Competition, Elocution Contest, Padyatra, Plantation and Cleanliness Drive to prevent Climate Change

Place : Bhatia Basti, Block : Gamaharia, District : Saraikela Kharsawan.

Date : February 21, 2009.

The sensitization workshop started with the commencing speech of Mrs Shipra Ganguly. He was of the view that preserving bio diversity would help preserve the climate and would also benefit in agriculture. He said that the area risks wiping out a new generation of antibiotics and cures for diseases if it fails to reverse the extinction of thousands of plants and animal species that has been ailing diseases since ages.

Mr. Mandal and Ms. Manju Kumari from the eminent panel of speakers said that the Biodiversity loss has reached alarming levels, and disappearing with it are the secrets to finding treatment for pain, infections and ailments such as cancer. He was of the view that more than 16000 known species are threatened with extinction, but the number could be more.

Mr. A.K.Tiwari of The JF highlighted that with growing economy we are losing the intellectual patents of nature before we even have the chance to understand or unravel the nature. "This is the tragedy of not understanding biodiversity," he said, adding it would be a "big fallacy" to think that biodiversity is not linked to the phenomenon of climate change.

The Bhatia Basti community groups present were also apprised on issues related to biodiversity preservation. As part of her speech, Ms. Seema said, "We are creating an illusion that everything is fine, and we are getting richer and richer. But we are doing it at



the expense of our children and grandchildren...all in the name of economic growth and progress,"

The smaller groups of audiences were made aware of the real bottom line that clean air, clean water, clean soil gives us our nutritious and good food, clean energy that comes from the sun, and biodiversity provides us with rich source of vitamins and prevents us from many diseases. Therefore, these are ultimately the most important needs that we have to fight for at all cost.



In continuation to the same, a quiz contest was held in the smaller group on issues pertaining to environment, cleanliness and Biodiversity conservation. Related prizes were given to the winner of the quiz competition.

Painting Competition:

Students took this exercise as a challenge and painted their dreams pertaining to environment in full enthusiasm. The event helped in raising awareness and sensitizing the school going children on such sensitive issues.

The 03 winners of the painting competition painted their feelings about the environment through the following thoughts.

In this way the awareness program took on another colour as we were able to address and generate awareness to another generation, who would be able to make sure



that bridging the environment gap would lead to a better future.



The girl child painted dreams of a green environment all along the AIADA area as it is full of industries. They were however of the view that each company should undertake the plantation exercise to curb the menace.

The boy child painted picture of growing industries and related industrialization and how it was

effecting the environment – water, air and sound. The panel of judges screened the paintings of the students and the awards were given to the following students.

First Prize: Prabhat Kumar

Second Prize: Ravi Nandini

Third Prize: Paritosh Mahto



Elocution Contest

Elocution contest amongst students of class VI, VII, VIII was another exercise that was facilitated by the Janaki Foundation. The topic of the contest was the Clean Environment, Green Environment. The Esteemed panel of Judges included Ms. Sapna Bose, Mr. Janardan, Mr. Arun Kumar Tiwari, Ms. Tara ji and Mr. Ram Bhushan.



Participants were supposed to speak aloud the subject in front of the audience. This helped the participants gain confidence amongst them and also helped the audience to make them aware of the topic. The sensitization exercise was very much appreciated by the team, the participants and the samiti members.



The panel of judges judged the presentation of the elocution contest by the contestants.



The awards for the elocution contest were given to the following students.

First Prize: Narayan Sardar

Second Prize: Lakshman Banra

Third Prize: Deepak Kumar

Padyatra and Cleanliness Drive

After which a padyatra and cleanliness drive was organized where more than a 100 students and members of the gram samiti participated. The event witnessed full support from the school staff and the Gram Samiti members. The cleanliness activity of the water tank was undertaken with the thematic approach of the usage of clean water. The group was made aware of the ailments one can have upon consumption of the spilled or dirty water. The effects it would have on health and the environment was the concern and information that was talked, discussed and debated.



Students held the Placards and chanted slogans on preservation of Biodiversity and the need for a green environment and clean environment.



This exercise sensitized the villagers towards the importance of the green environment, Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change.