

Swachhta Pakhwada at IIT Bhilai

Swachhta Pakhwada, an event to encourage a fortnight of environmental cleanliness, was organized by the NSS of IIT Bhilai, from Jan 16 to 31, 2020. During the 15 days, NSS students conducted a series of activities, like tree plantation, on-campus plogging, awareness-campaigns, paper-bag making, etc.

With a motive to make the campus entirely plastic waste-free, the NSS group organized **Plogging** on campus in the morning of 17th Jan, an activity where students picked up plastic waste while jogging. The event saw voluntary and wide participation amongst students from across the campus, all of whose enthusiasm in the activity reflected the youths' dedication towards the Clean India Movement.

The next day, on 18th Jan, the NSS of IIT Bhilai organized a **Tree Plantation** event where several saplings were planted in the Institute's premises. These will be watered on a regular basis with a motive to replenish the ecosystem, contributing to a green and pollution-free environment. Several students from the Institute engaged in this activity by not only planting the saplings, but also pledging to nurture them over the coming months.

Subsequently, the NSS Team organized a **Cycling Awareness Campaign** around the campus on 28th Jan. Their motive was to make people around aware of the negative consequences of 'single-use plastics' with a slogan to ban their use in order to preserve our planet. The campaign began from the Academic Block of the Institute and moved to some of the nearby villages. A bunch of students from the Institute partook in this event, cycling with bold-faced banners demanding the public not to use single-use plastics.

Finally, the NSS group of IIT Bhilai organised a closing event on 30th Jan, where participants were acquainted with moral values for establishing and keeping the environment clean. They were also taught the scientific and factual consequences behind the imbalance of the ecosystem. Students from the Institute participated in these events with great zeal to enlighten the next generation with the most important moral values of today, which include keeping the environment clean for the generations to come.



