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Dang Nature Calling: Seminar with Week -long Nature Fest & Excursion

Date: 01/02/2024 to 08/02/2024

Venue: Mahal Forest, Dang

Principal Dr Falguni Desai, senior faculty Dr Nayna Naik, Smt Hemangini Desai, office staff Kum. Krupal Solanki participated in the seminar on first day of the Nature Fest to motivate the participant students. of our college.

Coordinator: Smt. Manjulaben Patel

Participants: 53 students

Aims:

- To promote awareness about environmental conservation and the importance of forests.
- To instill a sense of responsibility towards sustainable living among students and the community.
- To foster collaboration between educational institutions and environmental organizations for a greener future.

Objectives:

- To educate students on the significance of biodiversity and the role of forests in maintaining ecological balance.
- To engage students in activities that promote sustainable living practices.
- To develop practical skills for environmental stewardship and conservation.
- To encourage community participation in environmental preservation efforts.

Expected Outcomes: By the end of the campaign, participants will:

- Have a deeper understanding of environmental issues and the importance of forest conservation.
- Be equipped with knowledge and skills to practice sustainable living.
- Demonstrate increased awareness and proactive attitudes towards environmental stewardship.
- Be motivated to participate in and promote community-based conservation activities.

Activities on Sustainable Living:

1. Tree Plantation Drive:

- **Description:** Students and faculty participated in planting native trees in the Dang forest area.

- **Objective:** To restore degraded forest areas and enhance green cover.
- **Outcome:** Planted over 500 trees, contributing to reforestation efforts.
- 2. **Nature Walks and Biodiversity Surveys:**
 - **Description:** Guided walks through the forest to observe and document local flora and fauna.
 - **Objective:** To educate students about the diverse species and their roles in the ecosystem.
 - **Outcome:** Increased awareness and appreciation for local biodiversity.
- 3. **Workshops on Sustainable Practices:**
 - **Description:** Interactive workshops on topics such as waste management, water conservation, and sustainable agriculture.
 - **Objective:** To impart practical knowledge on sustainable living techniques.
 - **Outcome:** Students learned methods to reduce waste, conserve water, and grow food sustainably.
- 4. **Clean-Up Drives:**
 - **Description:** Community clean-up activities in and around the college and forest areas.
 - **Objective:** To promote cleanliness and reduce pollution.
 - **Outcome:** Collected and properly disposed of significant amounts of litter, improving local environmental quality.
- 5. **Eco-Friendly Crafts and Recycling Projects:**
 - **Description:** Sessions on creating crafts from recycled materials and promoting upcycling.
 - **Objective:** To encourage creativity and reduce waste through recycling.
 - **Outcome:** Students produced useful items from waste materials, showcasing the benefits of recycling.

Highlights of the Campaign:

- **Inauguration Ceremony:** The campaign was inaugurated by the Forest Department officials, emphasizing the importance of collaborative efforts for environmental conservation.
- **Expert Talks:** Renowned environmentalists and forest officers delivered insightful talks on forest conservation, climate change, and sustainable living practices.
- **Interactive Sessions:** Engaging Q&A sessions with experts allowed students to discuss their queries and ideas related to environmental issues.
- **Student Presentations:** Participants presented their projects and ideas on sustainable living, demonstrating their understanding and commitment to the cause.

Impact on Students: The Dang Nature Calling Campaign had a profound impact on students by:

- **Enhancing Environmental Awareness:** Students gained a deeper understanding of environmental issues and the critical role of forests in sustaining life on Earth.
- **Fostering a Sense of Responsibility:** The hands-on activities and expert interactions instilled a sense of responsibility towards nature and motivated students to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives.
- **Encouraging Community Engagement:** The campaign encouraged students to involve their communities in conservation efforts, thereby extending the impact beyond the college.

- **Developing Practical Skills:** Through workshops and activities, students acquired practical skills that they can use to contribute to environmental sustainability.

Summing up: The Dang Nature Calling Campaign was a significant initiative towards promoting environmental awareness and sustainable living. The collaborative efforts of Shri M R Desai Arts & EELK Commerce College and the Forest Department, Dang, successfully engaged students in meaningful activities that fostered a deeper connection with nature and a commitment to preserving it. The campaign's impact on students was evident in their enthusiastic participation and the positive changes in their attitudes towards environmental stewardship. By highlighting the critical relationship between sustainable living and environmental conservation, the campaign underscored the importance of ongoing efforts to protect and preserve our natural resources. We look forward to continuing such impactful initiatives in the future to build a greener and more sustainable world.









