

Green Office at IIT Gandhinagar gave the message of Swachchhata to school children in Basan Village



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As the world is going to celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Green Office at the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGN) gave the message of Swachchhata to school children in the Primary School of nearby Basan village. The Green Office has started an initiative under the Swachhh Bharat Mission -- 'Swachhta hi Seva' campaign -- and Basan was selected for various initiatives on solid waste management awareness.

Members of the IITGN Green Community participated in this initiative in which about 230 primary school kids were educated

about solid waste management and the importance of cleanliness.

The students were divided into two groups, 1st to 4th standards and 5th to 8th standards. The students of 1st to 4th standards were educated on what is wet and dry waste through posters and various activities of waste segregation. They were also made aware of 'My School Cleanest' campaign.

The higher grade students of 5th to 8th standards were shown a short video on waste management and were educated on the importance of cleanliness, waste composting and life cycle of wet waste. Waste segregation activities were carried out with them as

well, which also included a quiz. A demonstration was also carried out to teach drum waste composting to the students. A monitor has been appointed in each class to prevent littering.

The school was given two drums of 100 litres each on pilot basis to start composting waste. Upon success, pit composting will be initiated at the school campus.

The cleanliness worker on the school campus was also educated and trained about the drum composting. The students showed much enthusiasm and used blue bins to throw wrappers of chocolate distributed to them after the event.

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