

Green crusaders design a chair out of junk car parts

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In a unique workshop, the students of Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar designed a revolving chair using metal scrap parts of four-wheeler vehicle.

Two first year students of masters program in society and culture attended a workshop on 'sculpture from metal waste' in which students were exposed to add value to metal scraps through creative intervention and turning scrap into metal installations and sculptures.

While the students did not belong to engineering background, they worked



A student working on the chair made of scrap car metal

for nearly 20 hours, to design a revolving chair.

Speaking about the same, Simrith Hundal, who has studied textile design in her graduation said, "We used

gears, metal slabs and other parts of a four wheeler and two wheeler that were sourced from a scrap collector. While we were not given any briefing as to what to

THE WORKSHOP

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make. We wanted to design something that has personal value to it, hence we decided to make a revolving chair. Also we had to finish the design in the given time-

frame."

He further added, "It was a good experience as it gave us an insight of into old traditional ways to repair and reuse things. This generation youths don't think of the end result, we just consume and replace things. Recycling is very important as it has a negative impact on the environment. This workshop taught us that. Of many things that we throw away can be moulded and be used again."

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shops that include game and interaction design, where students created games, automobile style, where students learnt the visual appearance and aesthetics of a vehicle, packaging design, to understand the structure and branding of packaging and its impact apart from metal scrap design.

Franklin Kristi, senior design associate, DIC at IIT-Gn said, "Design March is the first multidisciplinary design event. This exercise will help students to identify materials which can be recycled in to some other unique form or product. In long run, it will reduce the carbon footprint from the environment as well."

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