

Report on World Environment Day on 5th June 2026

World Environment Day–2026 Celebrated with Mega Plantation Drive under “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” Campaign at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad

Marking the occasion of **World Environment Day–2026**, the **Horticulture Section**, in collaboration with the **Department of Environmental Science & Engineering (ESE)**, **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**, successfully organized a **Mega Plantation Drive** under the flagship national campaign “**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**” on **5 June 2026**. The programme was conducted from **8:00 AM to 9:00 AM** and symbolized the Institute’s unwavering commitment towards environmental conservation, ecological restoration, and sustainable development.

The plantation drive was inaugurated by the **Chief Guest, Dr. Shekhar Chintamani Mande, President, Indian National Science Academy (INSA)**, in the august presence of **Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**, and **Mrs. Sakuntala Mishra, President, Deepti Ladies Club, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**. Their participation underscored the importance of collective action in addressing environmental challenges and fostering a greener future.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, officers, staff, research scholars, UG/PG students, and members of the Deepti Ladies Club, reflecting a strong spirit of environmental responsibility and community engagement. Through this concerted effort, approximately **850 saplings** were planted across strategic locations including the **Main Campus, IIT (ISM) Complex, i2h, iRh, Scolomin club, Staff Colony, and other residential colonies**.

The plantation comprised a rich diversity of **fruit-bearing, native forest, evergreen, medicinal, ornamental, and ecologically significant species**, aimed at enhancing biodiversity, improving air quality, strengthening carbon sequestration, mitigating the impacts of climate change, and enriching the green landscape of the Institute. The initiative is expected to make a lasting contribution towards creating a healthier, greener, and more climate-resilient campus ecosystem.

The programme was conducted under the visionary leadership and constant support of **Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**; **Shri Prabodh Pandey, Registrar, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**; **Prof. Alok Sinha, Head, Department of Environmental Science & Engineering and Coordinator, EIACP (PC-RP), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**; **Prof. Alok Kumar Das, Dean (IIE) IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**; **Prof. M.K. Jain, Prof. Shailza Sharma, & Prof. Vikram Wanjari of the Department of Environmental Science & Engineering**; **Shri Ram Manohar, Chief Security Officer, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**; and **Shri Ramesh Prasad, Technical Officer, NVCTI**.

The plantation campaign was meticulously planned, coordinated, and successfully executed through the collective efforts of the team of **Horticulture Section and EIACP (PC-RP), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**. The dedication, commitment, and seamless coordination demonstrated by the organizing teams, along with the enthusiastic participation of faculty members, staff, students, and other stakeholders, significantly contributed to the grand success of the programme. The initiative stands as a testament to the Institute’s unwavering commitment towards environmental sustainability, biodiversity conservation, and the promotion of a greener and healthier campus ecosystem.

The drive stands as a significant milestone in **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad’s** ongoing journey towards environmental excellence and sustainable campus development. Beyond planting trees, the initiative conveyed a powerful message of gratitude, responsibility, and harmony with nature, inspiring the Institute community to contribute meaningfully towards building a greener and more sustainable future for generations to come.



