

Swachhata Pakhawada 2020 "Say No To Single Use Plastic"

Report

A sensitization program on "Say No To Single Use Plastic" under Swachhata Pakhawada 2020 was organized at Athmallik College, Athmallik on 24 January 2020 with the support of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Regional Centre, Bhubaneswar. The program was organized by the local IGNOU special study centre Viswa Yuva Kendra. Dr. Nanda Kishore Mahakud, Ex. Professor of Sambalpur University attended as Chief Guest. Mr. Manoj K. Mohapatra, Director, VYK, Mr. Girija Shankar Dash, Subject Matter Specialist, Divisional Forest Office and Mr. Kishori Ballabh Nanda, FMU Coordinator, Athmallik Forest Range were attended as resource persons. Mr. Dilip Kumar Singh Samant, Principal



welcomed the guests and participants and presided over the program. About 150 students from Athmallik College were the participants.

Mr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra, in his power point presentation introduced IGNOU and its programs related to higher education through distance mode. He also talked about the programs offered by the local study centre, VYK. He sensitized participants on single use plastic, the problems occurred due to single use plastics, some facts and figures related to production, its use and impact on people, animal and earth. He also clarified the role of students to stop single use plastic at home, village and institution.

Mr. Girija Shankar Dash spoke about the history of plastic, pre plastic era and the pros & cons. of plastic use. He stressed that, since plastic is not degradable it causes different negative impacts on society like



different diseases in human being, animals, water, air and soil pollution, environmental hazard etc.

Mr. Kishori Ballabh Nanda had power point presentation on how plastics are made, first man made plastic, type of plastics, history and future of plastics, present status and its impact on health and community as a whole.

Dr. Nanda Kishre Mahakud gave emphasis on role of students and NSS wing in the college to stop plastic use. Use of cotton bag, stainless steel mug/bottle, utensils without plastics, use of natural products like paper and leaf plates, organic farming, plantation will help in reducing pollution by plastic and other means, he added.



There was open discussion with students. They wanted to know the challenges they will face without plastic. The students were sensitized and told that, it depends on the attitude of the people whether they will use or not. To save earth and our next generation it is bound to stop use of plastic.

The meeting was ended with vote of thanks by Mr. Gagan Kumar Mishra, Lecturer of Athmallik College.