

Tree Plantation and Cleanliness Drives Galore on the World Environment Day at Jamia Millia Islamia

The Hall of Boys' Residence Campus B, Jamia Millia Islamia conducted cleanliness and tree plantation drives to mark the observance of the World Environment Day- 5th June 2016 during Swachhta Pakhwada. The cleanliness drive was undertaken at different lawns of the Campus and 100 trees were planted at various locations to make the Campus greener.

On this occasion, the OSD to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sharfuddin Ahmad, the Provost, Hall of Boys' Residence Campus B, Prof. Haroon Sajjad, Senior Wardens Dr Zishan Hussain Khan, Dr. Arshad Khan and Wardens, Dr. Naseeb Ahmad, Dr. Jasim Ahmad, Dr. Mohammad Abid, the office staff of all the hostels and the residents of the campus actively participated in the cleanliness drive and removed garbage from the lawns.

Earlier tree plantation was organized by the Campus. Addressing on this occasion, Prof Sharfuddin Ahmad, OSD to the Vice Chancellor, sensitized the residents and all the hostel staff towards the fact that trees play such an important role in keeping the environment pure, holy and clean. Prof. Ahmad elucidated the harmful impacts of environmental degradation and suggested measures to cope with the health problems arising out of the pollution. He underlined the need of collective efforts for protecting the environment.

Prof. Haroon Sajjad, Provost, Campus B emphasized the necessity of conservation of forest to combat the issues like climate change, global warming, pollution and stability of ecosystem. He asserted that the landscape and its environment have been modified mainly due to anthropogenic activities. Reckless cutting of the forest and burning of fossil fuels has resulted in the increased concentration of the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Consequently the temperature of the lower atmosphere and the earth is increasing and many extreme weathers are being experienced. The deserts are experiencing floods and the places which are known to floods are facing drought conditions. Many states in India are facing acute water crisis. The water table has gone down tremendously over the years. Not only this, water is contaminated due to effluents from the industries and domestic wastes. Enunciating the need of conservation of forest, water and air resources, Prof. Sajjad asserted that, "it is high time that we should stand firmly against the reckless cutting of the forest, water and air pollution and take some stringent action to protect natural resources which play an important role in attaining the sustainability of our planet Earth."

Dr Zishan Husain Khan, Senior Warden Kellat Hostel, stressed on the conservation of water resources. He underlined that every drop of water is important. The conservation of water starts from home itself. Every step should be taken to save water while using it for various domestic purposes. Dr. Khan pointed out that rain water harvesting is an important measure to recharge ground water table. Jamia Millia Islamia has many rain water harvesting structures. More efforts are needed towards such a move.

Dr Arshad Khan Senior Warden, SRK/ Obaidullah Sindhi Hostel highlighted the air pollution. He emphasized the need of saving the people from the ill effects of air quality particularly in Delhi. He also advised the residents and the employees to take every care of the trees planted on the occasion to make the environment better and green.

Dr. Naseeb Ahmad, Warden, Allama Iqbal Hostel motivated the residents to plant more trees in Kellat Hostel their respective hostels in order to make their surrounding green. Dr. Jasim Ahmad, Warden, made a call for generating mass awareness about environmental conservation methods and techniques. Dr. Mohd. Abid, Warden, SRK/ Obaidullah Sindhi Hostel stressed upon the liquid and solid waste management. He pointed out the need of proper dumping sites.

The programme ended with a pledge to keep the environment clean and to make it greener.

Prof. Haroon Sajjad
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Enclosures:
Photographs of the event