

# SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON ZERO WASTE MANAGEMENT

On February 10th, 2024, the Eco-Club "Dharammeet" of Department of Education, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi in collaboration with IQAC hosted a sensitization program and organized an inter-departmental competition dedicated to environmental awareness on Zero Waste Management with the theme "अपशिष्ट व्यवस्थित तो पर्यावरण सुरक्षित".

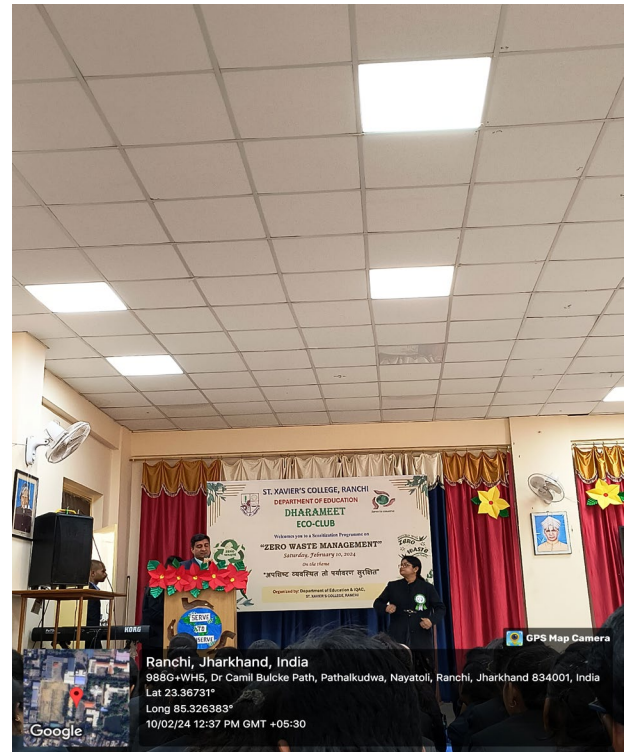
The event was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest, Mr. Ameet Kumar, Municipal Commissioner, Ranchi, Dr. Fr. Nabor Lakra S.J., Principal of St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, Dr. Shiv Kumar, Co-ordinator of IQAC and Dr. Fr. Florence Purty S.J., Head of the Department.

The event commenced with a heartfelt welcome address by the esteemed Patron, Prof. Dr. Nandita Pandey followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp which not only symbolized the event's beginning but also illuminated the shared commitment to a sustainable future. The department had the honour of welcoming Mr. Ameet Kumar whose unwavering support for environmental initiatives was acknowledged with a gracious felicitation. Principal Dr. Fr. Nabor Lakra's inspiring speech served as a reminder of the collective responsibility towards the environment, igniting a sense of purpose within each attendee.

Highlights of the event includes the performance of the 'Dharammeet Anthem' sung by the members of the club conveying the club's motto "Serve to Conserve", the screening of a thought-provoking documentary which showcased the tireless efforts of Dharammeet members through the presentation of the survey data collected on waste management in the Ranchi city and the presentation of a lively skit with the theme "कचरेकापचड़ा" by the students of the department which added humor while conveying important message about waste reduction and recycling.



Mr. Ameet Kumar enlightened the audience through his speech about the process of waste management, from its generation to segregation done in the city. He discussed the upcoming waste management projects in Jharkhand and drew everyone's attention towards construction waste being generated with rapid development and urbanization. While urging to reduce the use of plastics, he prompted reflection on individual roles in creating a cleaner and greener world. He also highlighted how waste management is integrated with the rural lifestyle where people use their kitchen waste as cow fodder or manure and waste management is done in an effective way as compared to urban. During his interactive session with the audience, Prof. Dr. Nandita Pandey appealed everyone for spreading awareness regarding waste separation into different dustbins and its need at public places such as tourists and picnic spots. After this, Dr. Fr. Florence Purty, Head of the Department, shared personal anecdotes as well as the department's unwavering commitment to environmental preservation.



The joyous moment of Certificate Distribution celebrated the hard work and dedication of participants of the 'Best out of waste', an inter-departmental competition organised by the club. There were two prize holders from Department of English, Kunul S.Horo and Esha Ray securing the first and second position respectively, followed by Deepak and Rishav from Department of Economics securing the third place. A special Patron's choice award was presented to Dikshita from Department of English.

Everyone solemnly pledged acknowledging their collective duty towards the planet and adopting a zero waste lifestyle for a better environment. A memorandum containing suggestions for zero waste management, duly signed by all the teachers and students, was handed over to the chief guest for consideration. As the event drew to a close, a heartfelt Vote of Thanks expressed gratitude to all who made the event possible, from organizers to volunteers to attendees. The event ended with the National Anthem.

The Eco-Club "Dharammeet" event was more than just an event of speeches and presentations; it was a celebration of community, compassion, and the power of collective action to bring about positive change.