

## **REPORT**

**The Environmental Development Committee**

**The Bhawanipur Education Society College**

**Year 2017-18**

The Environmental Development Committee of The Bhawanipur Education Society College has the prime objective of raising awareness and enhancing sense of responsibility among all the students and staff of the institution towards our Mother Nature. The Environmental Development Committee has remained committed to its goal of promoting environmental consciousness and motivating all to work towards conservation and improvement of environment, ensuring sustainable development of the society at large.

In the academic session 2017-2018, the Environmental Development Committee, proposed plans that would encourage the college to promote environmental consciousness, and also, bring out the research potential within students and staff and strive to motivate them to find creative solutions to environmental problems. Some of these plans were implemented. In this academic year, there was a one hour special lecture on “Art and Environment on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 followed by a screening of the movie “Erin Brokovich” to commemorate Earth Day on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2018. Finally on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, World Environment Day was celebrated by distributing badges made of reused paper among all the staff of the college including the management, teachers, non-teaching staff and the security staff to raise awareness on environment.

### **REPORT 1: SPECIAL LECTURE ON “ART AND ENVIRONMENT”**

**Lecture on ‘Art and Environment’ by Prof. Chhatrapati Dutta, Principal, Government College of Art and Craft, Kolkata**

**Organized by:** Environmental Development Committee

**Date:** 20.09.2017 3:00 pm onwards

**Venue:** 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (Auditorium) of The Bhawanipur Education Society College

On 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at 3pm, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium of The Bhawanipur Education Society College, the faculty members and the students of the college spent an enriching afternoon, listening to the one-hour illuminating lecture on ‘Art & Environment’ by Prof. Chhatrapati Dutta, Principal, Government College of Art and Craft, Kolkata. The initiative to arrange the lecture was taken up by the Environment Development Committee of The

Bhawanipur Education Society College, and it was truly a great experience for the participants. One of the earliest forms of art can be traced to the cave paintings. Prof. Dutta lucidly explained how these have reflected the different characteristics of the human civilization over time. According to Prof. Dutta, ‘Art speaks through similes and metaphors’ and ‘Art speaks through indication’. He gradually made transit to the modern world, and made reference of Abanindranath Tagore’s paintings which are wonderful representations of human life in India during the times of the Mughals and the Rajputs. The audience, comprising faculty members and students, found themselves relishing as well as learning, as Prof Dutta put on show the distinguished paintings of renowned painters of the modern era, like Madhuri Parekh, Bikash Bhattacharjee, Bhupen Khakar, Sudhir Pattwardhan. All the paintings were expressions of the human semi-urban and urban environment and how it has evolved and changed over time. Prof. Dutta’s lecture was also studded with video slides of Andy Goldworthy, James Crump and Jean Claude, who are involved with work on art and environment. The session came to a close with an interactive discussion between Prof. Dutta and the students and faculty members, and their enthusiasm to further enhance their knowledge on the topic proved the success of the lecture.



Prof. Chhatrapati Dutta, Principal, Govt. College of Art and Craft





## **REPORT 2: SPECIAL SCREENING OF A MOVIE TO COMMEMORATE EARTH DAY**

**Screening of the movie “Erin Brockovich” on 21.4.2018 in commemoration of Earth Day**

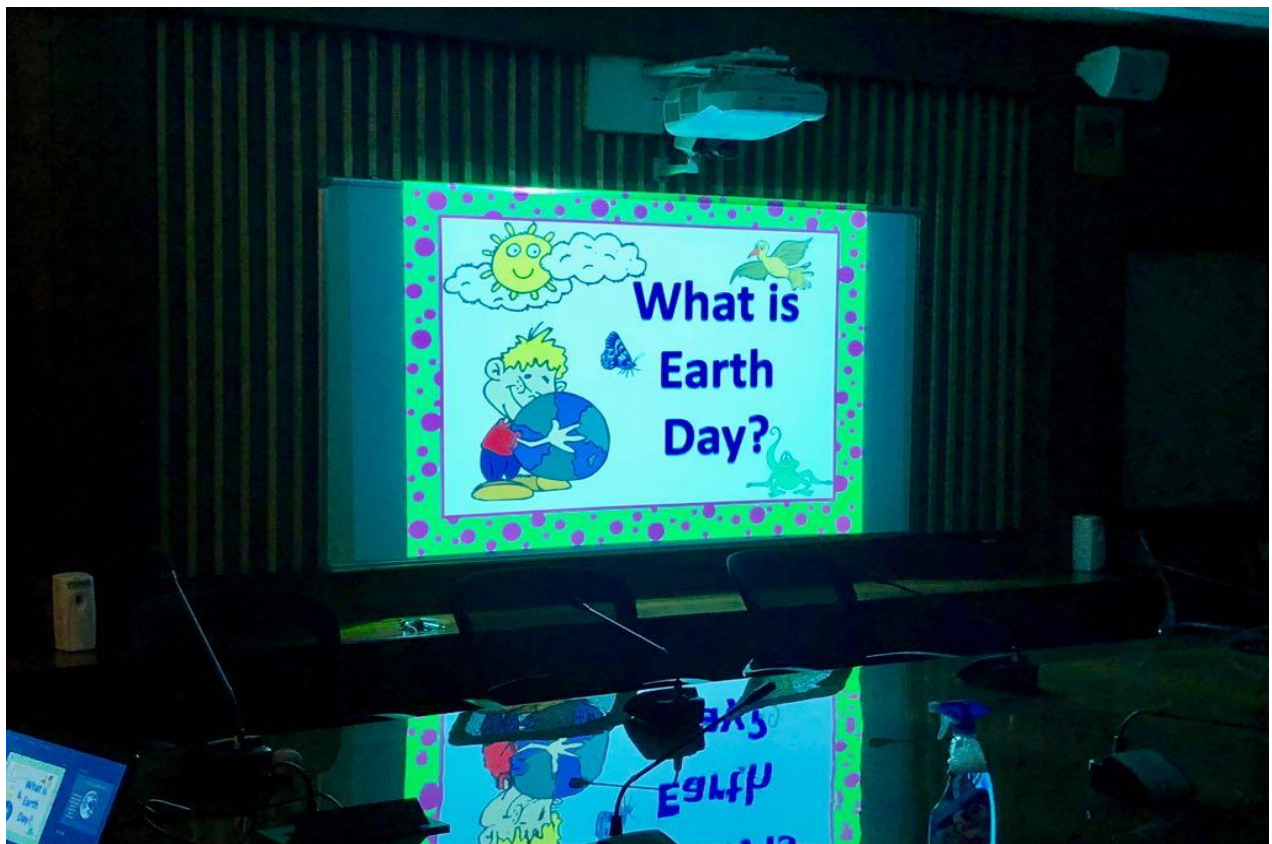
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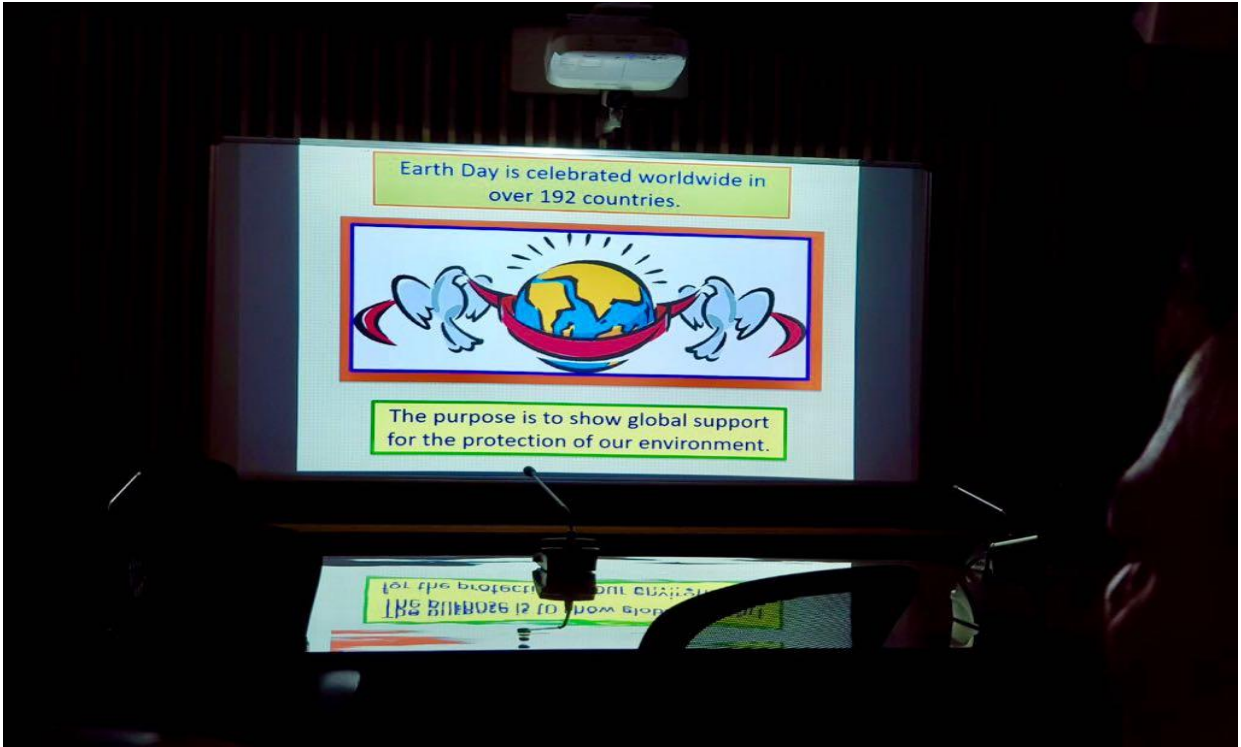
**Date:** 21.04.2018 12:00 pm onwards

**Venue:** 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (Auditorium) of The Bhawanipur Education Society College

Earth Day is celebrated worldwide on 22<sup>nd</sup> April every year to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Earth Day is pivotal for every person on this world in the face of rapid environmental degradation mainly caused by human intervention. In order to spread environmental awareness and raise the voice against environmental damage by selfish human actions, the Environmental Development Committee and the Department of Film Studies of The Bhawanipur Education Society College arranged the screening of the movie “Erin Brockovich” on 21. 4.2018 at the second floor auditorium of the college from 12 noon. The college staff actively participated in this event and thoroughly loved it for the important message that the movie delivered. The movie is based on the true story of Erin Brockovich, an American legal clerk, who happened to play an instrumental role in suing Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Company of California for their criminal offence of contamination of

drinking water with hexavalent chromium in the Southern California town of Hinkley. Between 1952 and 1966 PG&E used hexavalent chromium in a cooling tower system to fight corrosion. The wastewater was discharged to unlined ponds at the site and some percolated into the groundwater affecting an area near the plant approximately 2 by 1 mile. The residents of this locality suffered severe disorders including cancer, miscarriages, skin problems. Erin Brockovich, with her indomitable courage and compassion, brought the crime out into the open, collected evidence and finally the case was settled in 1996 for US\$ 333 million, the largest settlement ever paid in a direct action lawsuit in U.S history. This movie was truly appropriate to celebrate the victory of good over bad in protecting our dear old earth. While it enthused us all to be positive, we were also reminded by the organizers about the brutality that has often befallen environmental activists trying to reform the society. Mr Supratik Sur Roy of Film Studies Department of the college stated incidents of murder of environmental activists in India and thus appealed to all the participants for increased awareness in environmental matters. It was truly an effective and unique celebration of the Earth Day by The Bhawanipur Education Society College.





## **REPORT 3: CELEBRATIONS TO COMMEMORATE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**

**Commemorating World Environment Day**

**Organized by:** Environmental Development Committee

**Date:** 05.06.2018



Badge prepared by Environment Development Committee

The World Environment Day is a special day celebrated worldwide on 5<sup>th</sup> June every year to express our concern and love for our environment. The Environment Development Committee of The Bhawanipur Education Society College commemorated World Environment Day on 5.6.2018 in a unique way. The members with the assistance of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication designed a badge with the college name & logo and the caption “Reuse Reduce Recycle” to raise awareness on environment. Printouts were taken on used papers. Then the badges were distributed among all the staff of the college including the management, teachers, non-teaching staff and the security staff. The enthusiasm shown by everyone of The Bhawanipur Education Society College in this simple

endeavour to commemorate the World Environment Day was truly encouraging. Some of the moments have been captured in the following pictures.



Teachers wearing the badge



Teacher-in-charge Dr. Suchandra Chakravarty with Dr Purba Roy Choudhury





Rector Dr Sandip Dan wearing the badge



IQAC Coordinator Mr. Tathagata Sen with Mr Arpan Mishra