



GEO CLUB

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Village Outreach Programme: TURUP (February 09th 2024)

On 9th February 2024, the Geoclub embarked on Village Outreach Programme to village Turup, Ranchi - 835103 after a prior survey done by the club members itself. This initiative aimed to address educational awareness and social issues prevalent in the village through active community engagement.

Thirty-one volunteers from the GeoClub, participated in the programme. They began by conducting thorough surveys to understand the village demographics, educational status, and social challenges such as drug and alcohol addiction. This initial phase was crucial in preparing them to tailor their outreach efforts effectively. Divided into groups, the volunteers visited key institutions within the village: an Aanganwadi and a local middle school. At the Aanganwadi, they interacted with young children, teaching them basic education elements like alphabets, numbers, and engaging them in playful activities to foster learning in a comfortable environment. They also emphasized hygiene practices and cleanliness, actively participating in daily routines like the mid-day meal distribution.



At the middle school, the focus shifted to older students from classes 3 to 9. Here, the volunteers discussed various career options and important social issues such as drug abuse, menstrual hygiene, and sanitation. They utilized interactive sessions and activities to make the learning experience engaging and impactful. Apart from educational outreach, the GeoClub also conducted environmental research by collecting samples near Rukka Dam, contributing to their academic pursuits in geography.



The programme was well-received by both the village community and the college administration, appreciating the efforts made by the volunteers in addressing local issues and enhancing educational awareness. Prof. Dr. Sandeep Chandra played a pivotal role in guiding and supporting the volunteers throughout the programme, ensuring its success and impactful outcomes.

Earth Day: One Earth, No Plan B (April 22th–23rd 2024)

One Earth: No Plan B, a two-day event series aiming to promote mindful consumption of resources and sustainable development, was organised on April 22nd and 23rd, 2024, in the Fr. C.D. Brouwer Auditorium by the Geoclub.

Day 1 of the event commenced with a warm welcome to the chief guests, marked by a traditional tribal dance showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Jharkhand. Following the lamp lighting ceremony, Our honorable Principal, Fr. Nabor Lakra, extended a warm welcome to our guests, IFoS Smita Pankaj and Dayamani Barla, an environmental activist, journalist, and writer, by presenting them with saplings. A warm welcome song was performed to convey a sense of warmth and hospitality. Following the Welcome song, a documentary was showcased depicting the state of nature and the need for its preservation. As the event commenced, the Secretary of the Geoclub shared the club's vision, setting the tone for the proceedings. Further, enlightening thoughts were presented by the guest of honour and the dignitaries of the event.

Prof. Dr. Rajeev Ranjan Shrivastava concluded the inaugural session by extending a heartfelt vote of thanks to the guest of honor and dignitaries. Progressing towards the competitive segment of the event, the first session of the Youth Parliament led the way, focusing on sustainable development and climate change. This was further followed by a quiz competition focused on environmental conservation (Save energy, Save water, Save the planet, and Planet vs. Plastics), a photography reels contest, and a documentary-making competition, all centered around significant themes." The inaugural day wrapped up with resounding success and mementos captured.





The second day of the event began with immense excitement among the audience and Geoclub members as we honored our distinguished guest of honor, Mr. Ankush Kasera, a renowned photographer, traveler, and National Geographic's Director of Photography. The guest and the dignitaries were welcomed by a traditional tribal dance, a lamp-lighting ceremony, and a presentation of a sapling and memento as a symbol of respect. Additionally, the club presented a special dance performance in honor and respect of the guest. Later in the event, Father Principal shared his words of wisdom, and the vote of thanks was delivered by Professor Dr. Rajeev Ranjan Shrivastava. An interactive session with Mr. Ankush Kasera followed, enlightening the interested audience about photography. After the interactive session, we proceeded to the competitive segment of the event.

First, a TED Talk cum speech competition was held, judged by Madhumita Ma'am and Utkarsha Ma'am. The final sitting of the Youth Parliament concluded with the drafting of its bill, focusing on core agendas: introducing electronic vehicles, promoting the use of solar panels, and reducing ocean pollution.

Following the completion of the competition, the results were declared and the deserving winners were felicitated by the dignitaries and the guest of honour. As the event drew to a close, we took a moment to express our heartfelt thanks to all the dignitaries in attendance, with special appreciation to our professors, Dr. Sandeep Chandra, Head of Geoclub, and Prof. Dr. Shiv Kumar, IQAC Coordinator. The event was wrapped up with great resounding success, followed by a memorable memento capture session.