

IIT-Kgp society to tackle plastic use, segregation and disposal on campus

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AROUND 30 students of IIT-Kharagpur have taken up responsibility of reducing plastic use on campus. They are all set to form a society that will work towards creating awareness about segregation and disposal of plastic and e-waste, besides tackling other environment issues.

"Segregation of waste is one issue and another is disposing the waste or reusing it. We hope these brilliant young minds will be able to come up with some innovation for urban Indians as plastic waste is a problem for both urban and rural ecosystems," said Barnali Chakrabarti, an environmental evangelist.

The society, named 'Vision Prabaho', will also undertake projects to come up with innovative ways of organic, inorganic and electronic waste disposal. Over 500 students have shown their interest in joining.

The group also performs street plays at the campus market as part of their awareness campaign.

These students claim to have not used single-use plastics for over four months

"We hold a great responsibility to actively participate in dealing with major environmental issues like irresponsible use of plastics, waste and resource management, conservation of water bodies, preserving bio-diversity and reducing carbon footprint in and around campus. We emphasize on human-induced environmental changes in recent years. We wanted to apply our own understanding to spread awareness and make changes," said Biswarup, a research scholar at IIT-Kgp.

"Vision Prabaho will be a unique society not just here, but across all IITs, considering that our campus is a mini-township and is witnessing challenges quite similar to urban areas, though at a smaller scale," said Professor William Mohanty, president of the Technology Students' Gymkhana at IIT-Kgp.

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