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Engg students show their green side Nirma Students To Organise Zero Carbon Footprint Symposium

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Ahmedabad: Going the green way, a group of chemical engineering students of Nirma University will be organising their annual event, 'Chemozale' as zero carbon footprint event.

The two-day international level techno-management symposium, which will begin from March 26, is organised by Chemical Engineering Students Association (ChESA).

On this unique initiative, president, ChESA, Swapnil Agarwal, said, "Through this carbon neutral event, we want to spread awareness about the growing levels of carbon dioxide which leads to global warming among masses."

"Prior to the event, we calculated that the total carbon emission during the event will be of 30.772 tonnes of CO₂. So, we are initiating a lot of green projects during the symposium starting from Sunday," added Agarwal.

Also workshops on 'Carbon Credits', 'Solar Cells', 'Climate Change', 'COP-15' will be organised for the students to create awareness on various environmental concerns. Agarwal said, "During the symposium, most of the products used will be biodegradable and made from used papers. Even

the kits, which will be given out to guests, are prepared from recycled paper."

In an attempt to minimise the carbon emission, ChESA members had

also organised a tree plantation drive on Sunday to observe World Forest Day in presence of principal secretary Environment & Forests department, SK Nanda and PCCF, Gujarat Forests department, Pradeep Khanna.

Faculty advisor, ChESA, Prof Sanjay Patel, said, "All the Carbon footprint calculations were done by the students themselves, and further with faculty guidance they got it audited from a government agency."

There will also be a green exhibition, 'Environtech 2010', specifically featuring companies which have their products and services in the field of clean energy, sustainable development and climate change.

More than 2,000 college students from across the country, industry delegates and academicians will participate in the event.



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