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The Department of MBA-PS, Environment Management, Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management (IISWBM), Kolkata, proudly observed Earth Day on April 25, 2026. This commemorative program reinforced the institute's commitment to climate action through impactful dialogues between academic leaders and policy experts. The event was graced by the distinguished gathering led by **Prof. (Dr.) Avijit Chakrabarti, President, Board of Governors, IISWBM**, Chief Guest, **Shri Priyatu Mandal, IAS, JS cum Director and Head, SPM NIWAS, Kolkata** and Guest of Honour, **Ms. Karuna Singh, Country Director, Earth Day Network India**.

Senior professor, Prof. Dr. Pradip Kr. Sikdar and Dr. Surajit Chakraborty, Coordinator of the Department of Environment Management, were also present at the event. They were joined by an array of eminent professors, faculty members environmental leaders and operational managers.



The panel discussion, moderated by **Dr. Debanjan Bandyopadhyay, Co-founder of Sustainability Intelligence**, featured **Mr. Saunak Saha, Partner at EY**, **Mr. Avijit Ghosh, Sr. Environmental Specialist at the World Bank**, **Ms. Baishali Das, Environmental Officer at Himadri Speciality Chemical Limited**, and **Dr. Aradhya Bhagwan Das, Dean of Strategic Alliances and Joint Director at BICVS, University of Calcutta**. The experts explored the urgent need to integrate sustainability with climate change mitigation amidst rising global uncertainties, stressing that the global economy must be proactively restructured for resilience. They emphasized that the success of these initiatives depends on the active participation of every individual in society and the specialized skills of future environmental

managers. A significant portion of the dialogue was dedicated to the vital importance of female leadership in the environment and sustainability sectors as a driver for inclusive progress. Ultimately, the panelists called upon the next generation of leaders to embrace these challenges as opportunities to redefine the intersection of ecology and economics. This insightful exchange provided students with a comprehensive roadmap for navigating the complexities of a rapidly changing professional landscape.



Students from the Department of Environment Management and the Social Welfare Department joined a vibrant cohort of peers from various distinguished colleges across Kolkata to engage in this memorable exchange of ideas. The atmosphere was electric with curiosity as participants showcased their talents in competitive events like **Earth**

Exhibit (Poster Presentation), **Globe Gallery** (Photography Competition), and **Climate Catalyst** (Extempore Competition). This collaborative platform allowed students to portray their technical efficiency and creative vision, turning the Earth Day 2026 program into a truly insightful session for the next generation of environmental leaders.

Prof. Dr. Binoy K. Choudhury, Head of MBA-Public Systems, concluded the event by highlighting the critical intersection of energy efficiency and environmental preservation from his expert perspective. He emphasized that Earth Day serves as a necessary catalyst for shifting our global energy paradigm toward sustainable practices that secure a cleaner future for all. Complementing this vision, students from across IISWBM and various other colleges collaborated seamlessly to ensure the event's success, fostering a spirit of unity and shared purpose. This diverse gathering of young minds showcased the collective strength and passion of the student community in championing the cause of environmental sustainability. Together, the academic leadership and student body reinforced the institute's commitment to developing innovative solutions for a more resilient world.

