



GLOBAL SANITATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (GSCOE) IIT PALAKKAD

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<



BMGF, WASH INSTITUTE & IIHS VISITED TECHIN OF IIT PALAKKAD



On 24th Jan 2023, Dignitaries from BILL & MELINDA GATES Foundation, WASH Institute and IIHS visited GSCOE of TECHIN, to discuss the progress and explore further collaboration with other BMGF projects. Site visit of FSTP in Coimbatore.

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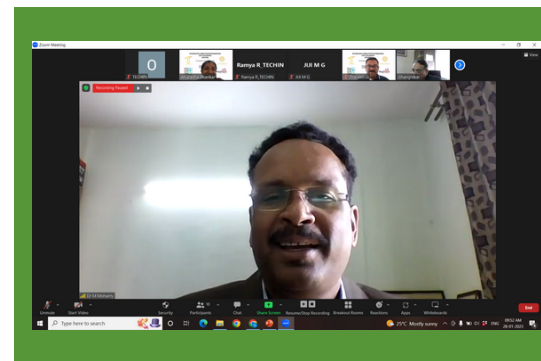
On 18th Jan 2023, Dignitaries from IAPMO & IWSH visited TECHIN to explore setting up end-to-end sanitation in a village and sites were visited to explore the viability.



➤➤➤ ONLINE TALK ON SANITATION INNOVATIONS

On 28th Jan 2023, the online talk on Sanitation Innovation was conducted as part of Prabhav Innovation Grand Challenge.

Dr. Monoranjan Mohanty, Adviser PSA Office, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest & Keynote Speaker, Prof. MM Ghangrekar, IIT Kharagpur, was the Speaker and Mr. Guruprasad Mantravadi & Mr. Madhu Thakkar was the Panel Members



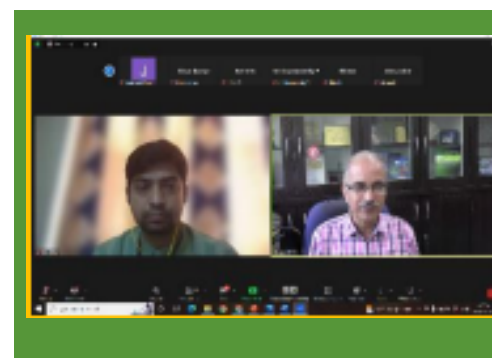
➤➤➤ INAUGURATED PLUMBING APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Plumbing Apprentice Program (PAP) Batch 1 was conducted from 16th Jan 2023 at Govt Polytechnic College Palakkad (GPTC) by Global Sanitation Center of Excellence (GSCOE) of TECHIN. The course is certified by Center for Continuing Education (CCE) of IIT Palakkad, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)-India and TECHIN. The trainees learn concepts hands-on. The theoretical and practical portions completed. The participants are undergoing internships in Coimbatore and Palakkad, before evaluation and certification.



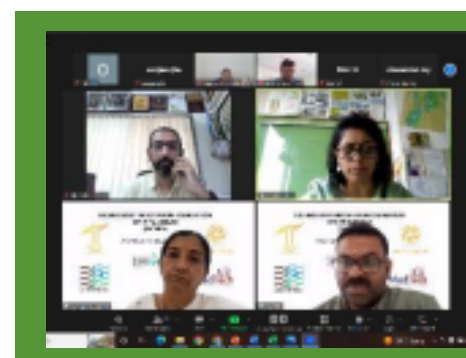
➤➤➤ ONLINE TALK ON IMPROVING ENVIRONMENT THROUGH SANITATION

On 11th Feb 2023, the online talk on Improving Environment through Sanitation was conducted as part of Prabhaav Innovation Grand Challenge. Prof. Anil Kumar Dikshit Professor, IIT Bombay was the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker. Mr. Bhaskar Lath, Sr. Manager - Business & Strategy Recity Network India, Mr. Pratim Raha Manager -Climate Action, Villgro Innovations Foundation were the panelists.



➤➤➤ ONLINE TALK ON SANITATION AND HEALTH

On 21st Feb 2023, the online talk on Sanitation and Health was conducted as part of Prabhaav Innovation Grand Challenge. Ms. Meghna Malhotra, Dy Director Urban Management Center, Mr, Chintan Daiya, Director D'Plumbing Consultants and Dr. Sanjeev S. Jha was the panel members.



➤➤➤ PRABHAHV | प्रभाव INNOVATION GRAND CHALLENGE

GSCOE and TECHIN, hosted the 'Prabhaav|प्रभाव INNOVATION GRAND CHALLENGE' focusing on Sanitation and Hygiene (Toilet, sewage treatment, septic tanks) and related thematic areas with the objective of fostering growing entrepreneurs in the country. The event took place from January to May 2023 in hybrid mode with multiple in-person events across 4 South Indian cities: Coimbatore (4th February 2023), Bengaluru (16th February 2023), Cochin (25th February 2023), and Chennai (4th March 2023), along with 3 online events. The Prabhaav Grand Challenge served as a platform for integration and collaboration on technological advancement, business possibilities, and impact generation through a holistic approach to sanitation for the overall welfare of society and the country. Each of the events, whether online or offline, featured talks and panel discussions on various subthemes to help potential startups gain knowledge in the domain of sanitation and business in sanitation. Online events lasted for half-day sessions, while offline events spanned full-day sessions. The event included an idea pitch with prizes and a Challenge that culminated in mentoring and pitches.



➤➤➤ Dr Sonia Grego & Team from Duke University Center for WaSH-AID visited GSCOE of TECHIN on 30 June 2023 to discuss collaborations.





>>> **GLOBAL SANITATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AT PSA OFFICE HAD A MEETING WITH MR BILL GATES ON THE WAY FORWARD FOR SANITATION**

Mr. Bill Gates, Microsoft founder and Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, visited the office of Prof Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India on 01 March 2023. IIT Palakkad was invited to this meeting held at Vigyan Bhawan Annex, New Delhi to give a presentation on the Global Sanitation Center of Excellence (GSCOE), IIT Palakkad. GSCOE team led by Prof A Seshadri Sekhar, Director, IIT Palakkad met with Mr Bill Gates. The Global Sanitation Center of Excellence (GSCOE) established in Jan 2022 at the Technology Innovation Foundation of IIT Palakkad (TECHIN) is partially funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

>>> **CONDUCTED GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF GSCOE**

On 30th March 2023 conducted Discussions and Progress updates of Global Sanitation Center of Excellence (GSCoE) with our Governing Council Members and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation global Delegates



>>> **GSCOE participated in the Policy and Practice Forum at the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) held in April 2023**

