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A photo from the event

IEI marks Earth Day

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The Institution of Engineers India (Kuwait Chapter) did it once again!

April 22, 2011 was a special day. Earth Day is a day that is intended to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment. Very few are aware that the Earth Day was founded by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in first held on April 22, 1970.

Earth Day helps celebrate Earth's unique place in the universe. It is the only planet in our solar system teeming with incredible biodiversity. Learning about and protecting this biodiversity is what Earth Day is all about. People all over the world celebrate efforts to protect plants and animals and to clean up the world we live in.

Every year, IEI tries to inculcate this awareness. But this year the IEI stalwarts - Engr Joseph Panicker, Engr

Sundarajan, Engr Rumane, Engr Fareedul, Engr Javis, Engr Sushant, Engr Ilangoan and Engr V.P. Tewari planned out an action plan for the children as community service - a drive to clean up the Salmiya Garden and its Toilet.

Sharp at 5 pm the IEI members with families and many school children with their parents gathered at the garden. Groups were made to clean each and every section of the garden to collect

litter, plastics and debris, etc. Children and adults together, wearing their masks and gloves got into action.

That moment was very special to everyone present there because the realization struck that we were just human beings irrespective of our colour, caste or creed. And the feel of touching the plants, tilling the soil, watering the young saplings re-evoked the natural bonding which each one of us has towards Mother Earth.