

ART EXCEL KIDS LAUNCH MISSION GREEN EARTH

Saturday 20th September 2008: Dr. Prabhakar Rao, horticulturist and COO of International Association for Human Values (IAHV) educated kids in the "ART Excel" course on sustainable landscaping in the UAE. They also got a hands-on experience on nurturing a plant - right from seed collection to how to take care of it over a period of time, as it develops into a sapling.



ART Excel stands for "All Round Training in Excellence" and its members are 8-14 year olds.

The emphasis of the session was on trees and plants that are suitable for this region and can effectively replace exotic species that unnecessarily require a vast amount of natural resources, including water, just to survive in this desert climate. Dr. Rao explained the need to conserve and honor the native trees.

The kids then headed outdoors to pick Al Ghaf pods – pods of the Ghaf Tree. Heat and humidity did not dampen their enthusiasm.



They picked up bags and bags of Ghaf pods and then sat in groups and removed the tiny seeds from the pods- discovering that it wasn't an easy task!



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