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## AICTE tells colleges to mark Jal Diwas on July 22

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ALL India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has mandated engineering colleges and other technical education institutions under its control to celebrate Jal Diwas on July 22.

This was done to make students understand the importance of the water conservation and make them aware

about their responsibility towards the society.

AICTE Chairman Anil D. Saha has asked engineering colleges to conduct Jal Diwas in a public area or within their institution.

They were asked to organise a speech by chief guest about the 'Potential of Jal Shakti Abhiyan' or on any topic relevant to

five major interventions mentioned in Jal Shakti Abhiyan.

The five major interventions areas under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan are water conservation and rain water harvesting, renovation of traditional and other water bodies/tanks, reuse, borewell recharge structure, watershed development and intensive afforestation.

They were also asked to conduct drama, poetry, painting

and poster creating competition on Jal Diwas or Jal Shakti Abhiyan. Technical education institutions were told to conduct drama program by students on any theme relevant with 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan' focused on creating awareness.

Technical education institutions were also asked to conduct plantation drive within the campus and conduct rally around the city focused on cre-

ating awareness about water conservation and harvesting, also highlighting ill-effects of not doing the same.

Central government has launched Jal Shakti Abhiyan campaign for water conservation and water security in two phases, first phase between July 1 and September 15 and second phase between October 1 and November 30 for states receiving retreating monsoon.