

Detailed Report

Activity- “Candle Walk (Representing students of all religions)”

Scheme- Social Unity

Organized by- Eshan College of Engineering, Farah in association with MahiInternational School, Agra

According to Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, “everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion,” including the right “to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.” Yet many people around the world face discrimination, persecution, and even violence solely on the basis of what they believe. Survivors of religious persecution, government delegations, interfaith religious leaders, and civil society need to step up and become motivated and for this, Eshan College of Engineering in association with Mahi International School, Agra organized a very special activity. **“Candle Walk (Representing students of all religions)”** was a peaceful way to propagate this message and shun detrimental practices.

During this event, 62 attendees participated in sessions and side events to discuss challenges to freedom of belief and practice and identify tangible ways to combat religious persecution and discrimination around the globe. There were certain points and objectives related to the candle march as highlighted below-

- In addition to the horrific human toll they cause, mass atrocities threaten global security and have decades-long consequences for the entire world.
- They can lead to long-term regional instability, refugee flows, economic disruptions, and massive humanitarian response efforts that can last for generations.
- An explicit declaration that atrocity prevention is in the national interest demonstrates the government’s commitment to prioritizing prevention.

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief, in worship, teaching practice and observance. For the protection of public order, health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others, such steps need to be taken.



