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(भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद/ Indian Council of Agricultural Research)
रेलविहार के सामने, चंद्रशेखरपुर, भुवनेश्वर-751023, ओडिशा
Opp. Rail Vihar, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023, Odisha



Subject: Report of Day: 18 (02.10.2024) on celebration "Swachhata Hi Seva" by ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar - reg

The ICAR-Indian Institute of Water Management (IIWM), Bhubaneswar successfully conducted the 'Swachh Bharat Diwas' on 2nd October, 2024 and concluded the fortnight-long 'Swachhata Hi Seva' programme commenced on 17th September, 2024, commemorating the 155th birth anniversary of the Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi, and the 120th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri. The event paid homage to these two great leaders, with their photos garlanded in respect of their tireless efforts to promote cleanliness, self-reliance, public service and farmers' progress in India, as our former PM Shastri Ji worked hard for the upliftment of farmers.

Prof. Hrusikesh Patro, Dean, College of Agriculture at OUAT, Bhubaneswar graced the event as the Chief Guest and addressed the gathering with his motivational talk on *swachhata*. Dr. Arjamadutta Sarangi, Director of the Institute presided over the function and reiterated our commitment to cleanliness while giving his presidential remarks. The Director administered the *Swachhata* pledge to all the participants, reaffirming their commitment to cleanliness and hygiene and inaugurated the 'Special Campaign 4.0' (2-31 October, 2024) under the *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan*. Over hundred participants, who included office staff, scholars, award winning students, their teachers and parents, *safai mitras* (sanitation workers), *safai sachalaks* (sanitation managers) and other invitees enthusiastically took the pledge, emphasizing the significance of maintaining cleanliness in both personal and public spaces.

Six students from 'Vivekananda Siksha Kendra', Chandrasekharpur and 'Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir', Bhimatangi, Bhubaneswar were awarded with prizes and certificates by the Chief Guest for their outstanding essays and excellent paintings on *Swachhata Hi Seva* in school competition activities. These competitions encouraged all participating students to creatively engage with the themes of cleanliness and sanitation. Their parents and teachers were present at the event, adding to the sense of pride and achievement felt by the winners. In addition, five *safai mitras* and three *safai sanchalaks* of the Institute were felicitated with mementos and shawls in appreciation of their hard work, dedication and untiring efforts in keeping the campus clean and green all the time.

Dr. Sumanta Kumar Mishra, Chairman of the *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* committee, welcomed the guests and participants, presented a brief report on the activities conducted during *Swachhata Hi Seva* programme and coordinated the event. He added, through active engagement of staff, students, villagers and local stakeholders, the programme reinforced the values of collective effort and public service in building a cleaner and healthier environment. The event concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. O.P. Verma, Principal Scientist, expressing gratitude to all the participants, guests, and other stakeholders. The programme not only commemorated the legacies of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri, but also served to instill a deeper sense of responsibility towards cleanliness among the Institute's staff and the local community. Some of the action and activity photographs of Day-16 (30.9.2024) are presented below.



Chief Guest Prof. Hrusikesh Patro addressing the gathering



Director Dr. Arjamadutta Sarangi addressing the gathering



Swachhata Pledge administered by the Director



Floral tribute the Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri



School students received prizes and certificates from the Chief Guest and Director



Safai Mitras and Safai Sanchalaks being felicitated by the Chief Guest and Director



Felicitation of the Chief Guest by the Director



Presentation of brief report on SHS 2024 activities by the Nodal Officer