



Shri Sukanta Kumar Panigrahi, Hon'ble MP (*Lok Sabha*), Kandhamal graced as the special programme as Chief Guest on 31st December 2025 at ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar

On Day-16 (i.e., 31.12.2025), the last day of 'Swachhta Pakhwada' (16-31 December, 2022) celebration, a special programme was organized at ICAR-IIWM. Shri Sukanta Kumar Panigrahi, Hon'ble MP (LS), Kalahandi graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The programme began with ICAR song followed by water of plant by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries. Director, Dr. Arjamadutta Sarangi while welcoming the Chief Guest gave a brief introduction about the Chief Guest, his political and social profile and accomplishments. He also gave an overview of the engagements of ICAR-IIWM over years during the course of implementation of different swachhata related programmes such as Swachhata Hi Seva, Celebration of Swachhata during birth month of Mahatma Gandhi and Swachhata Pakhwada.

In his address, Shri Sukanta Kumar Panigrahi, Hon'ble MP(LS), appreciated the efforts of ICAR-IIWM in reaching out to different stakeholders for spreading the message of swachhata, and motivating them to become responsible in creating a clean and green society. He stressed the importance of Jan Bhagidari (People's participation) in the movement in order to realize the dream of Hon'ble Prime Minister. He also discussed the urgent need for better management of crop residues not only for creating wealth but also for creating a clean environment and reducing the risks of climate change. He urged the participants to make swachhata a way of life and work towards creating an inclusive society and Atmanirvar Bharat 2047. The Chief Guest also felicitated winners of Essay Competition 'Swachha Bharat Abhiyan: Impact on Health & Environment' that was organized at SAI International School, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar. He lauded the spirit of students and advised them to become instruments of change for Vikshit Bharat.

Earlier Dr H.K. Dash, Chairman, SBA Committee gave a brief account of activities undertaken during the fortnight long Swachhata Pakhwada, starting from Day-1 through the Kisan Diwas celebration on 23rd December 2025 till 30.12.2025. Finally, Chairman, SBA Committee expressed his gratitude to the Chief Guest Shri Sukanta Kumar Panigrahi, Hon'ble MP (LS) for his gracious presence in the event and thanks Director, scientists, staff, students and everyone present on the occasion.



Plantation of sapling by Shri Sukanta Kumar Panigrahi, Hon'ble MP (LS), Kandhamal in IIWM campus



Address by Shri Sukanta Kumar Panigrahi, Hon'ble MP (LS), Kandhamal and the Chief Guest

Participants of the special function on 31st December 2025



Director of the Institute Dr. Arjamadutta Sarangi addressing during the closing function

Presentation of the proceedings of fortnight long Swachhata Pakhwada by Dr H.K. Dash



Distribution of awards to winners of competitions by the Chief Guest

