

National Research Centre on Pomegranate, Solapur

SWACHHATA ABHIYAN PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Cleanliness awareness programme was arranged under Swachhata Abhiyan exclusively for school children (Class V-X) and teachers of Sahakari Maharsh Shankarrao Mohite Patil Vidyalaya, Kegaon, Solapur on Aug 5, 2017 at ICAR-NRCP, Solapur. In all 150 children and 8 teachers participated the programme. The Director administered Swachhata pledge to them and enlightened the school children on how personal hygiene can keep one healthy and happy. Ms. Rupali Kakasaheb Kasturee represented the headmaster of the School, who could not attend the programme. Mr Koshti Abba Uttam, school teacher also told the children about the initiatives of the Hon'ble Prime Minister for clean India in local language. Dr Jyotsana Sharma, Nodal Officer Swachhata Abiyan presented various videos on the major themes like personal hygiene, hand washing, home cleaning, types of wastes and waste segregation, public place cleanliness initiatives, managing waste during travel, role of planting trees for clean air, avoiding open defecation and health hazards due to unhygienic conditions. School children- Siddhant, Sourav and Pramila - briefed the audience on what they learnt on swachhata in the programme. All the interactions were in Hindi.

The school teachers Ms Rupali and Mr Rathod Kailas, highlighted problem in maintaining the plantations, the taps and other such things which are stolen in absence of school compound and also faced problems due to non-availability of clean drinking water. Many faced health problems due to use of bore water for drinking. Non availability of funds was a major hurdle.

Both school children, and teachers promised for joint cleanliness ventures with NRCP in future.

(Jyotsana Sharma)
Nodal Officer Swachhata Abhiyan



School children who attended the Swachhata awareness programme



Swachhata pledge being administered by the Director



Dr RK Pal, Director, ICAR-NRCP interacting with the School Children



Mr Koshti Abba Uttam, school teacher informing the children about Clean India Mission



Dr Jyotsana Sharma, Nodal Officer Swachhata Abhiyan interacting with the children



Dr Jyotsana Sharma, Nodal Officer Swachhata Abhiyan explaining the videos shown on various themes.



Class X boy Siddhant briefing on lessons learnt in the programme.

**Activities of Swachhata Abhiyan for children from Sahāri Maharsh Shanārao Mohite Patil
Mādyalaya, Māgaon, at ICAR-NRCP on August 1, 2014**