

Report of Swachhata Campaign on 20th December, 2022

As part of the *Swachhta Pakhwada* celebration, a special cleanliness drive cum sanitation awareness campaign was organized today (20-12-2022) in the MGMG adopted villages of Sankilo and Tentapur under Nischintakoili block in Cuttack district of Odisha. About seventy farm women, farmers and rural youths participated in the programme. The scientists and staff of the institute emphasized on general cleanliness, health & hygiene, elimination of open defecation, safe ways of disposing biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes, prohibiting single use plastic, composting of kitchen & home waste materials, and cost effective technologies for ecologically safe & sustainable sanitation etc. for bringing about an improvement in the general quality of life in the village. They were also educated about cleaning of sewerage & water lines, recycling of waste water, and water harvesting methods for agriculture, horticulture and kitchen gardens. They were provided with vegetable seed mini kits for maintaining nutri-gardens in their backyards. A plantation programme of deodar tree (*Polyalthia longifolia*) was carried out in both the villages to reduce the surface run-off discharge, prevent soil erosion and maintain the ecological balance. A debate competition on the topic ‘*Swachhata Hi Sewa*’ has also been organized among the participated women farmers.

Some of the action and activity photographs

	
<p>Mass scale Swachhta drive inside the School campus</p>	<p>Participants assembled after Swachhta drive</p>
	
<p>Plantation programme in the village</p>	<p>Vegetable seed minikits distribution</p>