

Golden Jubilee Hostel, GBPUA&T, Pantnagar organized Swachhta Pakhwada

The Union ministry of Human Resource Development has given a call to all the Universities and Colleges for participation in 'Swachhta Pakhwada' from September 1 to 15 for spreading the message of cleanliness not only among the students but also in the surrounding areas. Under the campaign, University Grants Commission has asked students to organize clean campus, clean hostel, and clean mess day; carry out activities like study the garbage cleaning systems in public spaces; visit to slum/villages to explain the concepts of cleanliness, wall writings on cleanliness and health; visit to Government hospital to study the hygiene and systems for disposal of garbage; visit to markets nearby to study the systems for cleaning among others. UGC also directed to constitute a committee of teachers and students for organizing these events and for ensuring highest participation from the student community. Institutions can also document the activities, and place them on Facebook and publicize through Twitter.

With regards to above call, 'Swachhta Pakhwada' has been celebrated in the Golden Jubilee Hostel, GBPUA&T, Pantnagar. In this Pakhwada many programme like Clean Hostel day, Clean Mess Day, Cleanest Hostel Room Contest, Poster/Slogan Competitions were organized.

For summative evaluation of all these activities, a five point rating scale was judiciously prepared with respect to each activity. Judging committee comprised of five Professors from different colleges of GBPUA&T, Pantnagar: [1] Dr. Sunita T. Pandey, Professor, Dept. of Agronomy, College of Agriculture, [2] Dr. Lakshmi Tewari, Professor, Dept. of Microbiology, CBSH, [3] Dr. Abha Bansal, Chairman of Women Club, [4] Dr. Sandhaya Rani, Assistant Professor, Family Resource Management, Pantnagar, [5] Dr. Janki Joshi, Assistant Professor, Surajmal College and Art of Living Teacher. All these activities were evaluated on five parameters of Cleanliness.

During Clean Hostel Day, three wings were cleaned by sweepers. For the evaluation of sweepers work, the judging scale consists of five parameters viz; Cleanliness of flooring surface, Cleanliness of roof, Proper system of Collection and Disposal of Waste, Cleanliness of Toilets, Cleanliness of Water Cooler.

During Clean Mess activity, the whole mess was cleaned by mess workers. Cleanliness of mess was evaluated on five parameters viz; Cleanliness of flooring surface, Cleanliness of roof, Proper System of Collection and Disposal of Kitchen/Mess Waste, Appropriate hand washing facilities, Use of purified water for food preparation.

During cleanest Hostel Room Contest, hostel rooms were cleaned by hostel students. The cleanest rooms were evaluated on five parameters viz; Cleanliness of flooring surface, Cleanliness of roof, Decoration of room, Systematic arrangement of file and documents/Organized drawers and fold cloths, Decoration of Balcony.

For Poster/Slogan Competitions, many students of hostel gave their entries. Slogan and Posters were evaluated on five parameters viz; Originality Idea, Creativity, Designing, Theme, Attractive-brevity- Clarity [ABC].

For Garden cleanliness, three gardens of the hostels were evaluated on five parameters viz; Different variety of flowering plants, Number of new implanted plants, Maintenance of Garden, Arrangement of Plants and Presentation of Garden.

Closing ceremony of 'Swachhta Pakhwada' was held in Hostel's Common Room on 13 Sept, 2017. Dr. Jyoti Prasad, Additional Dean Student Welfare was the Chief Guest in this programme. A cultural programme was organized by hostel students on the eve of Swachhta Day. The celebration began with lighting of lamp. A welcome song was presented by the hostel students. Some hostel girls recited self composed poetry and speeches on importance of cleanliness. Our awesome panel of judges selected first, second and third-place winners. Hostel Warden, Dr. Arpita Sharam announced the names of Winners. The first, second and third winners of "Clean Hostel day" programme were Ms. Manita and Ms. Saroj and Mr. Rahul. Winners of "Cleanest Hostel room contest" were [1] Sneha [2] Ankita [3] Parul and Jeewanti. The winners of slogan/poster completion were [1] Ms. Mahima [2] Kusumlata [3] Ms. Reena and Ms. Nalini. The prizes to winners will be distributed in the annual function of Hostel. Additional Dean Student Welfare, Dr. Jyothi Prasad congratulated and blessed all the winners and also appreciated the efforts put in by the students and the hostel warden.

Addressing the closing function, Additional Dean Student Welfare, Dr. Jyothi Prasad said that cleanliness is a good habit and important for our healthy life. A small step from our side can be a big step for fulfilling the purpose of 'Clean India' campaign. All types of cleanliness are necessary for our good health whether it is personal cleanliness, hostel's rooms cleanliness and surrounding cleanliness. She further said that we all must plant trees. She said that "all the students should celebrate their birthday by planting tree and you can see, your birthday tree will grow as you will grow". She also appreciated the efforts of warden, students and staff of hostel regarding celebration of 'Swachhta Pakhwada' in hostel.

Hostel Warden, Dr. Arpita Sharma, organizer of "Swachhta Pakhwada" said that we had successfully organized this function with the cooperation of our University dignitaries, staff and students. During the coordination of the programme she also emphasized the importance of Self Cleanliness, Hostel as well as Mess Cleanliness. She said that cleanliness is a good quality which should inculcated us as a great responsibility. We should take care of our personal as well as hostel cleanliness. She further told that we have developed three new small Gardens in our hostel. She added that to maintain the cleanliness in our hostel, we have prepared a time table chart for the hostel's sweepers which is being strictly followed. A cleanliness committee of the students is also supervising and monitoring the work. She appealed to all the students to take pledge to follow the mantra of Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji "*Na gandagi Kareng, Na karne denge*". Programme ended with vote of thanks.

The above report has been prepared and submitted by Dr. Arpita Sharma, Hostel warden and Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Communication, GBPUA&T, Pantnagar. As per the order of UGC, we have documented all the activities, and we are placing this document on Facebook and Twitter.

