

Community Sanitation by NIC Chhattisgarh as part of Swachchhata Pakhwada



During the ongoing Swachchhta Pakhwada, on the 10th February 2021 the officials of NIC Chhattisgarh State Centre and Raipur District centre reached Late Kuldeep Nigam Old Age Home at Mana Camp, Raipur for not only cleaning the old age home premises but also to share some happy moments with the old and destitute living there.

Everyone wholeheartedly participated in the cleaning drive and added beauty to the Ashram by sweeping away the garbage, clearing the debris.

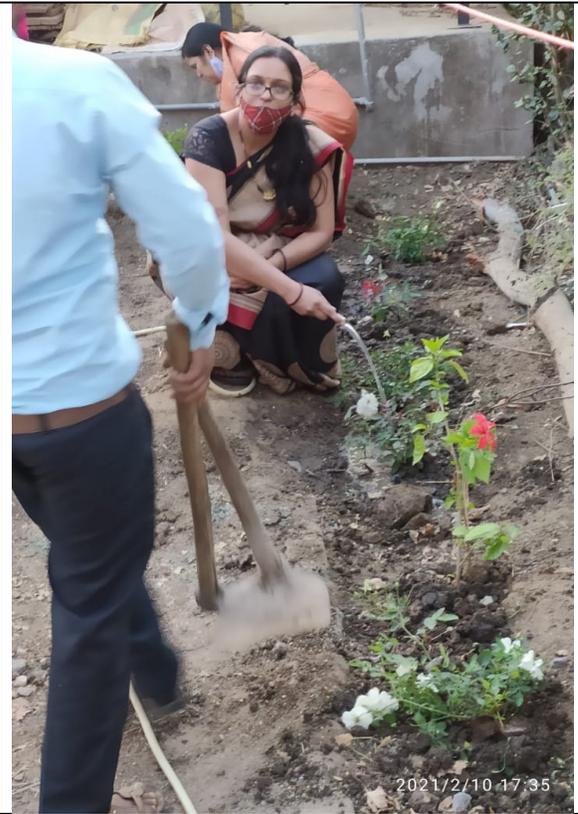






Plantation of about 25 flower saplings was done to create a garden in the campus. A good number of Flower pots were also placed at right places enhancing the ambience of the Ashram.





There are 8 ladies and 5 gents as inmates of the Old age home. Four ladies are taking care of them as Cook and caretaker. Health check-up including BP, Sugar test etc. of all people was carried out by a doctor team and medicines, multi-Vitamins etc. were distributed. One case of Hernia and one case of Prostate have been identified for follow up.



Sarees and Shawls were provided to all inmates.



Step was taken to invite officials of Food and Civil Supplies department to carry out the paper works so that inmates can have the Ration cards which will facilitate them not only to have subsidised ration but also the Ayushman card for health facilities.

A Carrom board with a folding stand, Ludo and magazines were provided so that they can pass their time in a better way. Officers joined them to play and bring smiles in their faces.



One kit comprising of Namkins (Biscuits, Mixture, Pickles etc.) and another kit comprising of daily usables like Surf, Soap, Tooth paste, Brush, Coconut Oil and Talcum Powder etc. were provided to each of the inmates.



What work was done is not important rather the loving touch given by our officers was contagious. The smile from heart was clearly visible on the faces of the inmates.



The entire activity of two hours was a pleasant surprise to the Ashram residents who otherwise lead a lonely and neglected life cursing their fate.

The outcome of the activity was a neat and clean garden, smiling faces, glittering eyes and oozing happiness for the Ashram mates and for the officials' immense satisfaction of service for a noble cause.





Yes, final parting from them was very painful...They expected that we return to them every month to talk, sing and play with them to keep that smile everlasting.



All bid adieu with heavy hearts with a strong hope of returning soon with bundles of love and happiness.

Officers on their experience of spending few moments with inmates

They breathe like us, feel like us and sense like us,
God has created them not to suffer but to live like us.
Their sufferings are due to the world we made,
Fair it's so to comfort them with food, clothes and shade.
In the fag end of the life they found a place in an Old Age Home,
In fact without love and care it is worse than a Stone Age Home.
Let us make them forget the absence of their near and dear,
At the cost of a touch assure them why fear when we are here.

- **Shri Y V Sreenivasa Rao, STD**

बस एक मुट्ठी धूप चाहिए रोशनीके लिए.....

बचपन की सुबह से बुढ़ापे की शाम तक का सफर है जिंदगी।

कुछ पाने की चाहत से, सब कुछ खोने तक की डगर है जन्दगी।।

अब न रोशनी है जिंदगी में, न आंखों में, पर संजोये है सपने, अब भी अपनो के लिए, बस एक झूठी आस चाहिए जिंदगी के लिए बस एक मुट्ठी धूप चाहिए रोशनी के लिए....

अपनो की चाहत के लिए, किया जीवन भर श्रम,

भूल कर खुद को, किये सब उलटे-सीधे करम, सबकी जरूरतें हुई पूरी, हो गए जिंदगी से दूर, भीड़ में अकेले हैं हम, सौंचता हूँ क्या है मेरा कसूर,

बस एक सच्चा साथ चाहिए जिंदगी के लिए,

बस एक मुट्ठी धूप चाहिए रोशनी के लिए....

आपका आना प्यार जताना, हम सब के लिए उत्सव सा है,

इस मतलबी दुनिया में आप का ये प्यार वास्तव सा है,

आंखे पथरा गई, अपनो में इंतज़ार में,

पाया अपनो को, आप सब के व्यवहार में, पाकर साथ और उपहार खिल उठी जिंदगी,

बस एक मीठी बात चाहिए जिंदगी के लिए बस एक मुट्ठी धूप चाहिए रोशनी के लिए....

प्यार की बस इतनी सी कहानी है,

थोड़ी सच्चाई, थोड़ी नादानी है,

प्यार के बदौलत कायम है ये दुनिया,

बाकी सब आनी-जानी है।

बस एक सौंच चाहिए जिंदगी के लिए,

बस एक मुट्ठी धूप चाहिए रोशनी के लिए....

- **श्री सत्येश कुमार शर्मा**

It was a pleasant experience to visit an old age home and spend some time with elderly persons there. It is heart-breaking to imagine what those poor souls felt when asked to leave the home for reasons unknown. On that day we spent a lot communicating with them, we played games with them to share some lighter moments. Talking to them and seeing the smile in their faces was really heart-warming.

- **Shri Surendra Agrawal, Technical Director**