

**NATIONAL INFORMATICS CENTRE
TELANGANA STATE CENTRE
HYDERABAD**

“Cleanliness is next to Godliness” Swachhta Pakhwada Observance

As a part of Swachhta Pakhwada more than 20+ activities were undertaken at NIC Telangana like :

- Pledge ceremony
- ePosters
- Landscaping
- Campaign on “Replacing Plastic Bags”
- Presentation on Curbing of Single Use Plastic
- Composting of Wet waste
- Waste Management Training to Housekeeping and Canteen staff
- Cleaning of work areas by NIC Officers and Staff ...etc.

The Opening of Swachhta Pakhwada began with the **Pledge ceremony**, taken by NIC Telangana Officers, Staff and DIOs (connected virtually) at 3.00 PM at 6th floor, Conference Hall . The pledge was administered to all by Shri Peter Francis Thambusamy A, DDG-SIO Telangana & Head NIU Hyderabad, Shri Anil Rathore, STD & HoD NIU Hyderabad and Shri. M S Shanthi Kumar, STD & ASIO State.



SIO TS along with ASIO State and HoD NIU administering the pledge to NIC Officers and staff



Swachhta Pakhwada Pledge : Officers and Staff of NIC Telangana

Swachhta Pakhwada message ePosters were displayed on LED Notice Boards at the reception/lifts of BRKR Bhavan, NIC Telangana under the supervision of Shri P S Sarma, STD & HoD . These ePosters provided valuable information while one waits for lift (e.g. showing the havoc created by single use plastics and improper waste management)



ePosters on the ground floor LED TV

Landscaping

As part of Landscaping and potting plants, lawns etc. a Terrace garden activity was taken up along the 4th floor Corridors under the supervision of Ms. C Radha, STD & ASIO (Districts). Terrace gardens are quite relevant in view of energy usage and poor air quality plaguing big cities. Terrace garden provides vegetables, keeps the building cool, absorbs carbon dioxide and helps in reducing the heat in the surroundings.

The boxes for planting the seeds were made from discarded equipment packaging boxes .

Officers and staff enthusiastically got involved in the seeding / planting and watering activities .



Officers and Staff taking part in Terrace garden activity

Campaign on “Replacing Plastic Bags with Jute/Cloth-bags with mass production’ was taken up at NIC Telangana. It was observed earlier that staff were getting things from outside in plastic covers/bags. Ms V Nagamani, TD and Ms. K. Bagyarekha, PSA explained the advantages of reusable bags and how bags can be easily stitched from old cloths at home. They offered to get the bags stitched for anyone who can bring old clothes from home. Few bags were kept in the reception for anyone to use for shopping on returnable basis.



Reusable bags kept at reception

Presentation on Curbing of Single Use Plastic

A presentation on Curbing of Single Use Plastic and Discouraging the use of Plastic was conducted by young team comprising of Ms Rubby Bharti, STA , Ms. Gedala Sujatha, Scientist-B and Ms. Sandaka Amala, Scientist-B . They explained the severity of the Plastic menace and the urgent need to take a call for environment conservation. The presentation was well received. Participants expressed the opinion that if the single use plastics were banned strictly by the Government, it would be more effective.



Presentation on Curbing of Single Use Plastic

Composting of Wet waste from NIC office canteen :

Composting wet waste at source is a great way of waste management. The effort for the same was started by Ms. C. Radha, STD , Shri K V Suryanarayana, Scientist-C and Shri V .Suryanarayana. TD on 9th floor.



Waste Management Training to Housekeeping and Canteen staff

As part of Swachhta Pakhwada a waste management session was conducted for the housekeeping and canteen staff. This is very essential as the actual waste management is handled at housekeeping stage. More than 10 NIC staff and 10 housekeeping staff participated in the session . The eagerness to spread awareness on Swachch Bharat by Waste segregation, composting, refusing plastic packaging both in the office and at homes were explained.



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Cleaning of various work areas in NIC Building by NIC Officers and Staff

NIC officers and staff took time to clean the various floors and the work space around them. Maintaining cleanliness in the workplace not only creates a healthier environment for employees but also tends to help organizations become more efficient and productive. The before and after photographs are shown below .



Before and after photographs of cleaning

