

ST. XAVIER'S INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION (2019-2020)

SWACHHATA PAKHWADA INITIATIVE

There were a number of activities conducted under the Swachhata Pakhwada initiative. Listed below are the activities conducted under the Swachhata Pakhwada Initiative

1. PLEDGE:

On 16th January, 2020 Prof. Nishi Kumar read the pledge and the students repeated the pledge after the teacher. By taking the pledge, the pledge taking ceremony came to an end. The pledge read as follows:

“Mahatma Gandhi dreamed of an India which was not only free but also clean and developed. Mahatma Gandhi secured freedom for Mother India. Now, it is our duty to serve Mother India by keeping the country neat and clean. I take this pledge that I will remain committed towards cleanliness and devote time for this. I will devote 100 hours per year — that is two hours per week — to voluntary work for cleanliness. I will neither litter nor let others litter. I will initiate the quest for cleanliness with myself, my family, my locality, my village and my work place. I believe that the countries of the world that appear clean are so because their citizens & indulge in neither littering nor do they allow it to happen. With this firm belief, I will propagate the message of Swachh Bharat Mission in villages and towns. I will encourage 100 other persons to this pledge which I am taking today. I will endeavour to make them devote their 100 hours of cleanliness. I am confident that every step I take towards cleanliness will help in making my country clean.”

2. ASSEMBLY:

On 18th January, 2020 an assembly was conducted under the Swachhata Pakhwada Initiative and the theme of the assembly was “Innovative technologies for energy conservation and waste management.” The entire assembly focussed on how to conserve energy and manage waste efficiently. The assembly was also followed by a small activity in which the students have to complete some of the popular slogans related to the theme of the assembly. Various technologies were disclosed which can be helpful for the conservation of energy and waste management such as bin-e, robots, machines for plastic recycling and so on. Followed the students were asked their own ways that they use in their everyday life for energy conservation and waste management. The assembly was then followed by a small prayer and national anthem.



3. BEST OUT OF WASTE COMPETITION:

On 27th January, 2020 in accordance with the RUSA Swachhata Pakhwada Initiative, SXIE held Best out of waste competition. Participants from both FY and SY took active part in this.



There were a total of 14 participants from FY who were given a unique code so as to not disclose their identity during the judgement. Dr. Shadab Paloji judged this competition based on the product's usefulness, creativity and looks. The judge selected 3 participants and ranked them from 1st to 3rd. The following are the winners:- **1st rank-** FYB04 (Demmi Furtado), **2nd rank-** FYB08 (Alsona Gomes), **3rd rank-** FYB03 (Claris Lemos)

4. POSTER MAKING COMPETITION:

The theme of the competition was "Cleanliness in the Environment." It was held on 20th January, 2020. Around 14 students took part in the competition. The main focus of the competition was to bring awareness among the students regarding the hygiene and sanitation in the surrounding. The initiative taken by the Swachhata Pakhwada on this theme was indeed to bring in motivation among the budding teachers to be responsible and nurture the environment. The competition was a judged event. The three best posters were thus selected and nominated for the prize. The event was also graced by the principal and the staff-in-charge Prof. Preeti S. and Prof. Nishi Kumar. The names of the winners were announced and congratulated in the college assembly.

5. RURAL CAMP:

The students were divided into various groups for the rural camp. There were a total of 4 groups based on the number of community centres.

SHANTI SEVA MANDAL, MANOR:-The rural camp was conducted at Shanti Seva Mandal, Manor and the students had visited the Lal Bahadur Shastri School. The students had visited the Takawal village at Manor. During the rural camp it was observed that the drainage facilities of the village were not in working condition. When the students visited the school they found out that there were equal number of boys and girls in the school. There were also ramps in the school. Overall there was some inclusion practised at the centre.

GNANMATA AADIVASI VIDYALAYA, TALASARI:-The rural centres in Talasari were basically catering the tribal children education. These centres were run by Jesuit Institutions. The infrastructure facilities were provided keeping in mind of all the needs of different children, but adequate maintenance was not done at regular basis. They had good sanitary facilities, and clean water was accessible to them. The inclusion was being practised in making available all the schemes to all the children without any discrimination.

ASHAGAD:-A group of students were sent to Jeevandhara Kanya Ashram Shala in Ashagad. The institution was run by the Jesuits. Most of the children were from a low economic background. The centre was providing them with education with less fees. The students were provided with free uniform, textbooks and bags. The school was providing mid day meal and snacks, which were

nutritious. The teachers in the school were very sensitive toward their students. The school had very accepting atmosphere which helped them to overcome their difficulties.

UPLAT:-Another group of students were sent to Uplat a small town near Talasari. They worked at an adivasi school called the Gnanmata Adivasi School. The learners who attend school are coming from a very poor background. It was run by Jesuits. The school was somewhat inclusive in terms that there are ramps around the school, but the roads are not well paved or proper concrete roads, if a wheel chair were to pass the roads there is a possibility that it would topple. The educators were well equipped in teaching the Adivasi students in helping them in their native tongue that is Marathi or Gujarati.

6. PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY:

The prize distribution ceremony was held in the Multipurpose hall, on Monday, 9th March, 2020. RUSA Coordinator, Ms. Priti Sivaramakrishnan began the ceremony and then handed over the duty to the student coordinators to carry forward the event. Accordingly, the prizes were announced for the Poster Making Competition on Water Conservation, Slogan competition on Forest Conservation and Best out of Waste completion respectively. The winners were asked to display their art and also read out their slogans to the audience. Photographs were clicked with all the winners, principal and the coordinators. In the end, Dr. Vini Sebastian gave her reflection and showed her gratitude towards the successful completion of all the events. Dr. Shadab Paloji was then invited to give a formal vote of thanks. The ceremony ended with a virtual “pat on the back” by Principal Dr. Sosamma Samuel as she was mesmerised by the creativity and efforts by the F.Y.B.Ed students. The ceremony ended at 4 pm with a huge round of applause.



7. TALK SHOW:

Students of SXIE organised and performed a talk show which covered environmental issues and other topics such as Swatchhata, physical and mental awareness and the importance of saving our earth. Scripted by Candida Lobo and Bazela Hawa, the talk show was named after the host, Candida herself. Three guests from various backgrounds were invited on the show to share their experiences. 1st guest was Greta Thunberg played by Vanessa Dias, second guest was a YouTuber, famously known as “Mr Beast” played by Sarah Asda and the third and the final guest was none other than Leonardo di Caprio played by Bazela Hawa.

The talk show began at around 10:45am and concluded around 11:45am. Students of FY as well as SY were present as audience along with teachers and the principal. All the guests one by one got a chance to share their experiences.



After all three guests shared their views and contributions Candida played the very famous coffee quiz which consisted of questions that concerned the environment from all around the world and checked the knowledge of the guests.

Everybody enjoyed this round & Leo di Caprio won the coffee hamper by winning the quiz. In the end all three guests signed the mugs kept beside them & that's how the talk show ended. The show was accompanied by music at entry and exit and made the show very engaging and at the same time it made a positive impact on the

audience by making them aware about the necessity of the cause.



8. SWACCH BHARAT ABHIYAN AWARENESS INITIATIVE:

Sanitation and neatness play an important role in our day to day routine. It is important as it prevents dangerous diseases like Dengue, typhoid, hepatitis, Jaundice, Cholera, etc that can spread due to eating contaminated food, drinking contaminated water or living in an unhygienic condition. With this intention the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was



started in India. For this a series of activities were conducted for the students of standard 7th of Holy Cross High School, Kurla. These activities included a lecture, discussion, watching videos and a short film on the importance of cleanliness, cleaning of the school corridor, cleaning their own classrooms and school bags, appointment of cleanliness monitors and taking the Swachhata pledge. The objective of this was to instill in the students awareness about the Swachh Bharat

Initiative and also to recognize the importance of this initiative.

SXIE as an institute has ensured to create environment awareness among students and staff of SXIE. The programme were well enjoyed by the students and students participated in the events with great enthusiasm and spirit.