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Dated : 08.08.2022

**All Regional Directors  
Regional Centres of NIOS**

**Subject: Swachhata Pakhwada for the year 2022.**

Madam/Sir,

I am to refer to letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 of Additional Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India on the subject cited above.

As you are aware, Ministry had been observing Swachhata pakhwada every year since 2016 in all the schools of the country. As per the Calendar of Swachhata Parkhwada for the year 2022 circulated by Cabinet Secretariat and Ministry of Jal Shakti, (Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation), Government of India the Swachhata Pakhwada for this Department is scheduled from 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

2. Swachhata Pakhwada may be observed ensuring focused participation of students, teachers and community (including SMC/SMDC, Gram Panchayats/ULBs etc) with an aim to promote Covid related preparedness among the school community in the immediate instance and to achieve cleanliness, sanitation and hygiene in schools in the long term. As Covid-19 pandemic is not over yet, Swachhata Pakhwada 2022 activities may be focused on three major precautionary practices, i.e. (i) Hand-washing, (ii) Use of Mask and (iii) Social Distancing; and on 3 Ts (Trace, Testing and Treat). To observe Swachhata Pakhwada in a befitting manner, a suggested action plan annexed with the letter for participatory activities during 1<sup>st</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, strictly keeping in view the Covid 19 protocols laid down by the Government.

3. You are requested to disseminate the letter to all AIs, AVIs and AAs of NIOS under your jurisdiction and ensure that Swachhata Pakhwada is conducted successfully in the Study Centre/learners under your jurisdiction.

**Yours faithfully,**

(S. Vijaya Kumar)  
Director (SSS)

**Encl: As above**

**Ministry of Education  
Department of School Education & Literacy**

**Suggested Action Plan for Swachhata Pakhwada (1-15 September, 2022)**

**1.9.2022 (Thursday)**

**Swachhata Shapath Day**

- Swachhata Shapath function may be organized wherein all students and teachers/staff may participate virtually. Children to speak about and take pledge for Swachhata (including COVID related preventive infection control measures related to mask, safe distancing, hand hygiene etc).
- Swachhata/COVID awareness message to be posted on the website of the Department/Organisations/Schools.
- Electronic banners may be created and uploaded on the departmental/state web portals to highlight the observance of the Swachhata Pakhwada. Publicity and awareness generation may be done through use of social media, as well as electronic and print media.
- **Upload the number of students who took Swachhata Shapath and the number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.**

**2.9.2022 (Friday)**

**Swachhata Awareness Day**

- Holding virtual meeting of SMCs/SMDCs/PTAs to highlight the importance of cleanliness & sanitation and importance of Hand-washing, Use of Mask & Social Distancing among children, parents and teachers and to encourage and inspire them for hygiene and sanitation in school as well as home.
- Teachers to inspect sanitary facilities in each and every corner of school/ institution to do a quick assessment and make proposal/plan for upkeep of the facilities.
- COVID- 19 sensitive adaptation for WASH facilities (hand wash facility, daily cleaning and disinfection, toilet/ urinal use, water facility use, ventilation, waste management, O&M etc) may be discussed with the local representatives. This may include ensuring - adequate, clean and separate toilets for girls and boys, supplies like – soap, handwash and safe water, disinfectants, PPE for specific purpose, cleaning staff etc.
- A status check/review can be done for piped water supply connection in the school in view of **Jal Jeevan mission**.



- A status check and augmentation plan with regard to water harvesting systems in the school may be taken up in view of the current **Jal Shakti Abhiyan - Catch The Rain, 2022** campaign
- Extensive cleaning/disinfection of toilets, MDM kitchen, classrooms, fans, doors, windows, clearing bushes in the campus to be undertaken. The local community may be involved in these activities with the participation of SMCs/PTAs and local representatives, while adhering to COVID-19 prevention measures and involvement in restricted numbers.
- Weeding out/recording of the old files, records as per procedure.
- All kinds of waste material like broken furniture, unusable equipment, defunct vehicles etc. should be completely removed from the premises of schools/institutions.
- Upload number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.

### 3.9.2022 and 4.9.2022 (Saturday & Sunday)

#### Community Outreach Day

- Parenting Seminars (virtual/small groups) may be organised on the theme of Swachhata to promote cleanliness and COVID safe behavior among their children.
- Teachers and students in association with local representatives should propagate the theme of Swachhata Pakhwada, covid appropriate behaviour and vaccination among public in local areas.
- Upload number of teachers participating in the community outreach activities on Google Tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google Drive.

### 5.9.2022 (Monday)

#### Green School Drive Days

- Students may be asked to come out with imaginative slogans, posters and pamphlets on themes such as fighting Corona through Covid Appropriate Behaviour and vaccination, water conservation, eliminating single use plastic etc, which can be later displayed in school exhibitions and on village/ town walls/ school premises.
- To educate students learn about conservation of water. To sensitize students about the impact of scarcity of water. To empower students to learn to protect the natural sources of water. To help every students to save at least one litre of water per day. To encourage students towards judicious use and minimum wastage of water at home and school.
- Upload number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.

### 6.9.2022 and 7.9.2022 (Tuesday & Wednesday)

#### Swachhata Participation Days

- Competitions can be held in districts/blocks/clusters for clean and well-maintained premises and toilets in schools, while observing all Covid protocols.
- Painting, Skit, Poem-making, slogan writing competitions on Swachhata.
- Letter/ Essay writing competition – "COVID-19 responsive school" theme (virtual)
- **Upload number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.**
- **Upload number of students who participated in Painting competition on tracker and scans of 3 top Essays, Slogan and Painting per district on Google drive.**

### 8.9.2022 and 9.9.2022 (Thursday & Friday)

#### Hand Wash Day

- Create Awareness on the need for proper hand wash in daily life.
- Children should be taught proper method/steps/moments, timings of hand washing with soap before and after eating.
- Barrier free access to the drinking water and toilet facilities for Divyang students may be reviewed and ensured.
- Students may be taught about checking wastage of water.
- Water from hand washing unit to be channeled to school gardens.
- Children may be taught about the water borne diseases/diseases, safe handling of drinking water so that they practice proper hand and oral hygiene.
- **Upload number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.**

### 10.9.2022 and 11.9.2022 (Saturday & Sunday)

#### Personal Hygiene Days

- Audio visual programme to be undertaken to motivate students/employees and other for maintaining cleanliness.
- Students will learn about proper way of cutting and keeping nails clean, daily bathing with clean water, wearing clean cloths, no spitting in open, wearing shoes/ slippers etc. (also – wearing mask correctly, no hand shaking, respiratory hygiene, not sharing personal items with others, avoiding crowd in COVID-19 times).
- Students will be taught the hygienic manner of using toilets and drinking water facilities.
- Students may be made aware of the importance of brushing teeth twice a day by making it routine habit.
- **Upload number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.**



### **12.9.2022 (Monday)**

#### **Swachhata School Exhibition Days**

- Photographs, paintings, cartoons, slogans etc. made by students on Swachhata activities/Covid response behaviors may be displayed in School/Education Department's website.
- State may document some of these exhibits.
- Making artifacts at home using local recycled-raw material for storage of waste i.e., artistic dustbins using local skills promoting their culture.
- Upload number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.

### **13.9.2022 and 14.9.2022 (Tuesday & Wednesday)**

#### **Swachhata Action Plan Days**

- SMC/SDMC to create awareness among students, parents and local people about the Swachhata Action Plan (with inclusion of COVID -19 related measures) of the school under the Samagra Shiksha scheme.
- Convene small group meeting of Bal Sansad/School Cabinet specially to discuss the Swachhata Pakhwada activities in the school.
- Encourage community members and students to make suggestions as to what new activities can be included under Swachhata Pakhwada and forward such suggestions to DoSEL, MoE.
- Upload number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.

### **15.9.2022 (Thursday)**

#### **Prize Distribution Days**

- Prize distribution for participation of children, teachers and parents in competitions viz. Painting, Essay, Debate, Quiz, Slogan, Inter-school and Crafting, model making etc. using waste to encourage Swachhata (physical ceremonies may be avoided, prizes may be announced virtually, digital certificates issued and handing over of prize items be deferred till normal school reopening)
- All Schools/educational institutions may sum up their activities and work undertaken during the Pakhwada and select best activity for forwarding to district/state authority for uploading on the website i.e. in public domain.
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