

## **ICMR – NATIONAL AIDS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, BHOSARI, PUNE**

### **Report of activities conducted under Swachhta Hi Seva 2019**

The ICMR- National AIDS Research Institute, Pune observed Swachhta Hi Seva 2019 as per the Office Memorandum vide Letter No.16/99/2014- Admin-II, dated: 12.09.2019 received from ICMR HQtrs.

The following activities were conducted under Swachhata Hi Seva -2019 on the theme ‘Plastic waste Management’.

1. Invited Guest lecture for the NARI staff to spread awareness to reduce the use of plastic materials in daily life:

A guest lecture on ‘Hazards of plastic and Alternatives for use of plastic in households and offices’ was arranged on 27-09-19 for all the staff of ICMR-NARI, Pune. The invited guest speaker was Dr. Medha Tadpatrikar, Director, Rudra Environment Solution, Pune, a NGO working in the field of plastic waste management. This lecture was aimed at spreading awareness among the ICMR-NARI staff about reducing the use of plastic materials in daily life. Dr M. Tadpatrikar emphasized the hazards of plastic on health and environment. She also spoke on using alternatives to plastic in daily life. Dr. Tadpatrikar also gave guidance on plastic waste management and its proper disposal.



Dr. Medha Tadpatrikar, Director, Rudra Environmental Solutions (India) Ltd, Pune delivering the lecture



Question and Answer session with Dr Medha Tadpatrikar in ICMR-NARI Auditorium by ICMR-NARI staff

## 2. Plastic collection drive in the institute:

A plastic collection drive was conducted for the NARI staff from 24.09.2019 to 27.09.2019. All staff of ICMR-NARI were informed to collect unwanted plastic waste from their work places and also from their homes and deposit in the containers marked for plastic collection at designated locations in the campus buildings. The plastic waste found in the institute's premises was also collected. All the staff took part in this drive enthusiastically and deposited the waste plastic.



Plastic waste collection drive in ICMR-NARI, Pune from 24.09.2019 to 27.09.2019

### 3. Disposal of plastic waste:

The ICMR-NARI collected large amount of plastic waste during plastic collection drive for four days. To ensure proper disposal of plastic waste ICMR-NARI contacted 'Janwani' - a Non-Governmental Organization in Pune city undertaking various projects like plastic waste, Zero garbage, Food waste and E-Waste under Solid Waste Management initiative. The NGO readily agreed to come and collect the plastic waste from the institute. The plastic waste was handed over to the NGO for its proper disposal.



Plastic waste collected at ICMR-NARI, Pune on 27.09.2019





Handing over of plastic waste to the staff of Janwani (NGO) for proper disposal on 27.09.2019

#### **4. Hazards of plastic use and Plastic waste management awareness in the community :**

The ICMR-NARI Swachh Bharat Hygiene Committee conducted awareness campaign on hazards of plastic use and management of plastic waste in two Anganawadi in slum area of Bhosari on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019. This program was mainly aimed at spreading the awareness among the mother's/ guardians of children enrolled under Anganwadi. The children were also taught about the hazards of use plastic in daily life. The drawing activity was conducted for children for the daily used plastic items.

Mother's/ guardians of the children were given the information on hazards of plastic use, impact on health & environment and its proper disposal. The children were also taught about proper hand washing technique and its importance. This activity was unique in its own as the mother's of the children may inculcate the good values in the wards about personal and environmental hygiene there by creating a Swachh Bharat for the future generations.



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Photos (i) and (ii): ‘Sit and draw’ activity conducted for anganawadi children at Landewadi slum area on 30.09.2019 and 01.10.2019 respectively



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Photos (a) & (b): ICMR-NARI staff members delivering awareness talk on hazards of plastic use and plastic waste management at anganawadi in Landewadi on 30.09.2019 and 01.10.2019 respectively.

The ICMR-NARI Swachh Bharat Hygiene Committee thank the Director ICMR-NARI for his guidance and support and all the staff of NARI for actively participating in the activities conducted during Swachhta Hi Seva 2019.

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