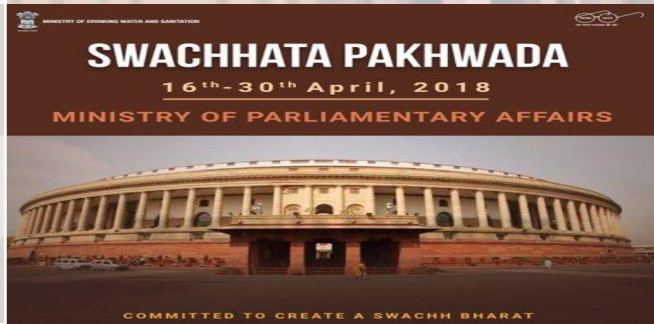


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Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

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In a Parliamentary form of Government, the day-to-day working of the Parliamentary system makes large claims on time and resources of the various Ministries/Departments. Over a period of time, Parliamentary programme covers numerous intricate matters-financial, legislative and non-legislative-concerning various Ministries/Departments of the Government. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, though small in size, is one of the key Ministries of the Union Government. The task of efficiently handling diverse and enormous parliamentary work on behalf of the Government in the Parliament has been assigned to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. As such, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs serves as an important link between the two Houses of Parliament and the Government in respect of Government Business in Parliament. Created in May, 1949 as a Department entrusted mainly with the above function, it is now a full-fledged Ministry

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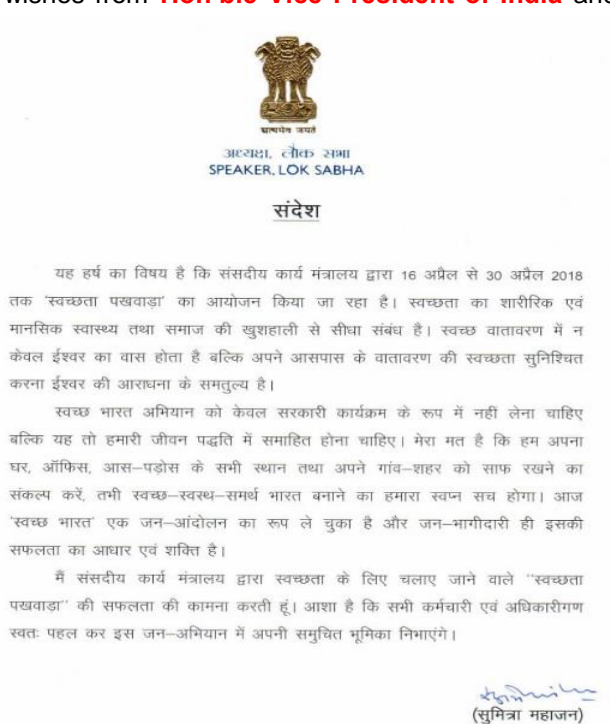
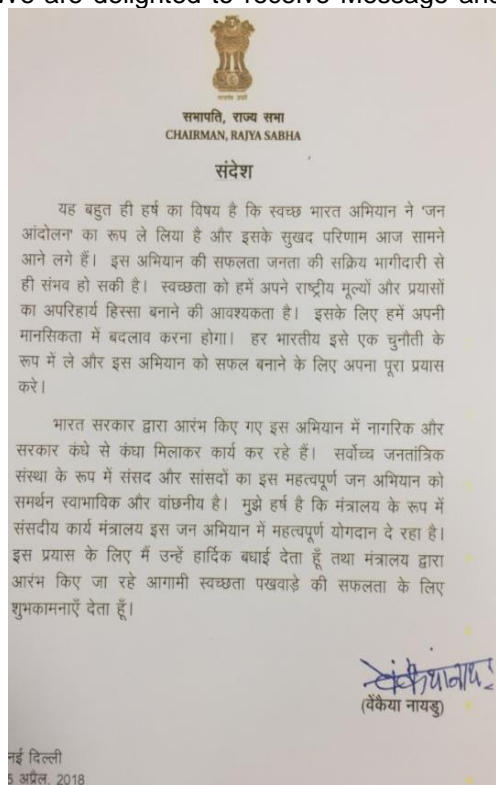
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MESSAGE ON SWACHHATA PAKHWADA FROM DIGNITARIES

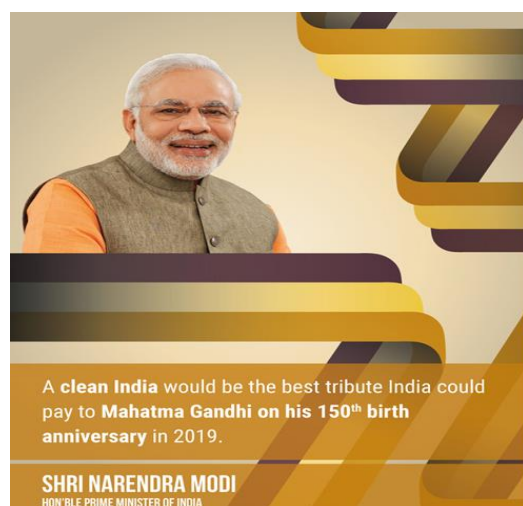
We are delighted to receive Message and good wishes from **Hon'ble Vice President of India** and



Hon'ble **Speaker Lok Sabha** on the fortnight long celebrations of Swachhata by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

SWACHHATA PAKHWADA MOPA

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA) or Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) is a campaign in India that aims to



clean up the streets, roads and infrastructure of Indian cities, smaller towns, and rural areas. The objectives of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan include eliminating open defecation through the construction of household-owned and community-owned toilets and establishing an accountable mechanism of monitoring toilet use. Run by the Government of India, the mission aims to achieve an Open-Defecation Free (ODF) India by 2 October 2019, the 150th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, by constructing 90 million toilets in rural India. The mission will also contribute to India reaching Sustainable Development Goal Number 6 (SDG 6).

The campaign was officially launched on 2 October 2014 at Rajghat, New Delhi by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It is India's largest cleanliness drive to date with millions of government employees, school students, and college students from all parts of India.

The mission contains two sub-missions: Swachh Bharat Abhiyan ("Gramin" or rural), which operates under the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation; and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Urban), which operates under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

The mission includes ambassadors and activities such as national real-time monitoring and updates from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that are working towards its ideas of Swachh Bharat.

To accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage and to put focus on sanitation, the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, launched the Swachh Bharat Mission on 2nd October, 2014. The Mission Coordinator shall be Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS) with two Sub-Missions – the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban). The Mission aims to achieve a Swachh Bharat by 2019, as a fitting tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary.



Shri Ananth Kumar
Cabinet Minister



Shri Vijay Goel
Minister of State



Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal
Minister of State

MDWS is the nodal ministry for all activities and initiatives towards achievement of a Swachh Bharat, besides its allocated charge of SBM. In fulfilling this responsibility, the Ministry constantly works with all other Ministries of the Government, the State Governments, local institutions, non-government and semi-government agencies, Corporates, NGOs, faith organisations, media and the rest of the stakeholders. This approach is based on the Prime Minister's call that Swachhata has to be everyone's business and not only that of the sanitation departments. A host of special initiatives and projects have come out in quick time in this process. The response of organisations who do not have sanitation as their core work, to the call of Swachh Bharat has

been extremely encouraging.

As a part of Swachh Bharat Mission, Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal took a meeting today, the 5th April, 2018 at 12.30 P.M. in G-074, Parliament Library Building, New Delhi to discuss Programme and activities relating to Swachhata Pakhwada, 2018. The meeting was attended by Shri Ram Kripal Yadav, Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development, Members of Parliament and Officers/Officials of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. A Power Point Presentation on the subject was made by Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation. Various issues and queries were raised by Ministers and Members of Parliament which were replied and clarified by Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation.



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

E-Office is one of the Mission Mode Projects under Digital India Programme. The e-Office solution enables core operations of the Government at all levels to be performed in a virtual 'paper-less' environment. This application is, thus, a major step in realizing the objective of an open and responsive Government. The Government intends to make all its Ministries/Departments paper-free in the near future. The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DAR&PG) is the nodal Department for implementation of e-Office project. National Informatics Centre (NIC) is the technical partner in this project. DARPG is committed to implement e-Office across all Central Ministries/Departments. The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the



Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh presented the Certificates of Appreciation to 34 Ministries/departments for implementation of e-office programme in their respective ministries/departments, here today. The awards have been given by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India.



Since August 2016, DAR&PG is coordinating with all Central Ministries/Departments through rigorous review meetings on the status of implementation of e-Office and is also submitting a fortnightly status report to Cabinet Secretariat. DAR&PG has also set up a Project Management Unit (PMU) to monitor the progress of implementation of e-Office by Central Ministries/Departments. As the result of this continuous and proactive monitoring, the level of Ministries/ Departments on e-Office has risen from 6 to 34. The number of active e-files has increased from 7,848 to 7,33,374 during the period.

The Secretary, M/o Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri D S Mishra, Secretary, M/o Shipping, Shri Gopal Krishna, Secretary M/o Power, Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy Shri Anand Kumar, Secretary, M/o Textiles Shri Anant Kumar Singh, Secretary, M/o Parliamentary Affairs, Shri S. N. Tripathi, Secretary, DARPG and Pensions Shri K. V. Eapen and Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Shri Rakesh Srivastava received the awards on behalf of their ministries among other senior officers from other ministries/departments



BUDGET SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

The Budget Session, 2018 of Parliament which commenced on Monday, 29th January, 2018 has been adjourned sine die today i.e. Friday, the 6th April, 2018. In between both the Houses also adjourned for recess for a period of 23 days on Friday, the 9th February, 2018 to reassemble on Monday, the 5th March, 2018 to enable Departmentally related Standing Committees to examine and report on the Demands for Grants relating to various Ministries/Departments.

The first part of the Budget Session yielded a total of 7 sittings of Lok Sabha and 8 sittings of the Rajya Sabha. In the second part of the Session there were 22 sittings of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. During the entire Budget Session, 2018 there were in total 29 sittings in Lok Sabha and 30 sittings of Rajya Sabha.

This being the first Session of the year, the President addressed both Houses of Parliament assembled together in terms of Article 87(1) of the Constitution, on 29th January, 2018. Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in Lok Sabha was moved by by Shri Rakesh Singh and seconded by Shri Pralhad

Venkatesh Joshi. This item engaged the Lok Sabha for 10 Hrs 43 minutes against allotted 10 Hours. In Rajya Sabha it was moved by Shri Amit Shah and seconded by Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe. This item engaged the Rajya Sabha for 12 Hrs 45minutes against allotted 12 Hours. Motions of Thanks were discussed and adopted by the two Houses during the first part of the Session.



The Session, being the Budget Session was mainly devoted to transaction of Financial Business. During the first part of Session, the Union Budget for 2018-19 was presented on Thursday, the 1st February, 2018. General Discussion on the Union Budget was held in both Houses. This engaged the Lok Sabha for 12 Hours 13 minutes against allotted 12 Hours and Rajya Sabha for 9 Hours 35 minutes against allotted 12 Hours. During the second part of

Legislative Business – Government Bills

the Session all the Department related Standing Committees presented their report on their concerned Demands for Grants. The Demands for Grants of the Ministries/Departments were put to the vote of the House and were voted in full on Wednesday, the 14th March, 2018 by the Lok Sabha. The related Appropriation Bill was also introduced, considered and passed. The Finance Bill, 2018 was passed by Lok Sabha on 14.03.2018. Appropriation Bill relating to Fourth Supplementary Demands for Grants for the year 2017-18 was also introduced, considered and passed on the same day. As the Appropriation Bills and Finance Bill were not returned by Rajya Sabha within 14 days of their receipt in Rajya Sabha, the same were deemed to have been passed by the Houses of Parliament on expiry of 28.3.2018. As such the entire Financial Business was completed before 31st March, 2018 after assent of Appropriation and Finance Bills by the President on 29.3.2018. During this Session a total of 05 Bills (05 in Lok Sabha) were introduced. 05 Bills were passed by Lok Sabha and 01 Bill was

Sessions of Sixteenth Lok Sabha	Number of Government Bills introduced	Number of Government Bills passed
First	0	0
Second	20	13
Third	16	18
Fourth	25	24
Fifth	10	06
Sixth	09	13
Seventh	12	10
Eighth	04	10
Ninth	14	13
Tenth	10	04
Eleventh	24	23
Twelfth	17	14
Thirteenth	17	13
Fourteenth	05	05

passed by Rajya Sabha. Total number of Bills passed/deemed to have been passed by both Houses of Parliament is 04. A list of Bills introduced in Lok Sabha, Bills passed by Lok Sabha, Bill(s) passed by Rajya Sabha, Bills passed/deemed to have been passed by both Houses are detailed. The productivity of Lok Sabha was approx. 134% and that of Rajya Sabha was approx. 96% during the first part. During the second part of the Budget Session, 2018, the productivity of Lok Sabha was approx. 4% and that of Rajya Sabha was 8%. The productivity for the complete Budget Session, 2018 of Lok Sabha was 23% and that of Rajya Sabha was 28%.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS TRANSACTED DURING THE 14TH SESSION OF 16TH LOK SABHA AND 245TH SESSION OF RAJYA SABHA (BUDGET SESSION, 2018)

I – BILLS INTRODUCED IN LOK SABHA

1. The Finance Bill, 2018
2. The Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2018
3. The Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2018
4. The Chit Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2018
5. The Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018

II – BILLS PASSED BY LOK SABHA

1. The Finance Bill, 2018
2. The Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2018
3. The Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2018
4. The Payments of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2018
5. The Specific Relief (Amendment) Bill, 2018

III – BILL PASSED BY RAJYA SABHA

1. The Payments of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2018

IV - BILLS PASSED/DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

1. #The Finance Bill, 2018
2. #The Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2018
3. #The Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2018
4. The Payments of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2018

Were deemed to have been passed by the Houses on Parliament on expiry 14 days from receipt of Bill, as passed by Lok Sabha in Rajya Sabha under clause (5) of article 109 of the Constitution on 29.03.2018

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INTRODUCTION

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is one of the important flagship programmes of the Government of India that has been initiated by our Hon'ble Prime Minister to fulfil Mahatama Gandhi's dream of clean and hygienic India. It was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on the 145th Birth Anniversary of the Father of the Nation Mahatama Gandhi on 2nd October 2014 at Rajghat, New Delhi. It is aimed to make India a 'Clean India' by 2nd October 2019 i.e. 150th birth anniversary of Mahatama Gandhi.



SWACHHATA PAKHWADA IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

As per schedule drawn by Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation a programme of Swachhata Pakhwada was planned in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs from 16th-30th April, 2018. After consultation with Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Shri Anant Kumar, a detailed programme was chalked out by the Ministry. Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal and Shri Vijay Goel were consulted and actively involved for organisation of different programme throughout the whole pakhwada.



Swachhata Pakhwada in the Ministry started off with an interactive session on 5th April, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal with Hon'ble Members of Parliament about initiatives undertaken by government on Swachh Bharat Mission besides the programme and activities relating to Swachhata Pakhwada being observed by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs during 16th-30th April, 2018.



The Meeting was attended by Shri Ram Kripal Yadav, Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development, Officers/Staff of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and following Members of Parliament attended the meeting :-

1. Shri Om Birla, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha);
2. Shri Ramcharan Bohra, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha);
- 3 Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) ;
4. Shri Devji Mansingram Patel, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha).

A Power Point Presentation on Swachh Bharat Mission was made by Shri



Parameswaran Iyer, Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation to highlight the initiatives of the Government under the Leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister. He also gave a detailed and elaborate picture of various programmes and activities being undertaken to improve hygiene,

sanitation and living conditions of mass population living in Rural and Urban areas of the country.

Hon'ble Members of Parliament raised various issues regarding Open Defection and



Shortage of Water for proper functioning of toilets. They emphasized that there should be some agencies to monitor the construction and functioning of toilets in rural areas which are made with the financial assistance of Central Government. Members were of the view that role of Panchayats should be increased in this

area. It was suggested that for better implementation of the scheme, manpower should be hired on contract basis. It was also suggested that wages under MNREGA should be increased and the workforce may be utilized for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan also. MPLAD funds may also be allowed to be used for the purpose of this Mission. Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Hon'ble Minister of State for Rural Development apprised about various





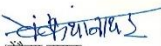

schemes and their success in different parts of the country and also the steps taken by the Government to remove the difficulties and obstacles coming in the way of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. They appreciated enthusiastic participation of Rural and Urban people in this highly spirited mission.

OBSERVANCE OF CLEANLINESS DRIVE

On 16th April, 2018 a special cleanliness drive was launched in the Ministry with Secretary visiting every section and office of the Ministry to assess the state of cleanliness. He instructed officers and officials to observe cleanliness and hygiene at work place and surrounding areas. Swachhta Competition was started among sections and it was announced that awards would be given for cleanliness efforts during the Pakhwada. Photographs of the state of Cleanliness as on that day were also taken. From that first day itself cleanliness drive was undertaken in all the Sections of the Ministry.

SWACHHATA PLEDGE BY OFFICERS/OFFICIALS ADMINISTERED BY HON'BLE MOS (LS) AND READING OF HON'BLE VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On 17th April, 2018 a Pledge Taking Ceremony was held in the Ministry. At the outset, Joint Secretary of the Ministry detailed the various activities to be undertaken by the Ministry during the Swachhata Pakhwada. Secretary read out the messages received from the Hon'ble Chairman Rajya Sabha and Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on Swachhata Pakhwada in the Ministry.

 सभापति, राज्य सभा CHAIRMAN, RAJYA SABHA संदेश	 अध्यक्ष, लोक सभा SPEAKER, LOK SABHA संदेश
<p>यह बहुत ही हर्ष का विषय है कि स्वच्छ भारत अभियान ने 'जन आंदोलन' का रूप ले लिया है और इसके सुखद परिणाम आज सामने आने लगे हैं। इस अभियान की सफलता जनता की सक्रिय भागीदारी से ही संभव हो सकती है। स्वच्छता को हमें अपने राष्ट्रीय मूल्यों और प्रयासों का अपरिहार्य हिस्सा बनाने की आवश्यकता है। इसके लिए हमें अपनी मानसिकता में बदलाव करना होगा। हर भारतीय इसे एक चुनौती के रूप में ले और इस अभियान को सफल बनाने के लिए अपना पूरा प्रयास करे।</p> <p>भारत सरकार द्वारा आरंभ किए गए इस अभियान में नागरिक और सरकार कंधे से कंधा मिलाकर कार्य कर रहे हैं। सार्वजनिक जनतांत्रिक संस्था के रूप में संसद और सांसदों का इस महत्वपूर्ण जन अभियान को समर्थन स्वामित्व और प्राथमिकता है। मुझे हर्ष है कि मंत्रालय के रूप में संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय इस जन अभियान में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान दे रहा है। इस प्रयास के लिए मैं उन्हें हार्दिक बधाई देता हूँ तथा मंत्रालय द्वारा आरंभ किए जा रहे आगामी स्वच्छता पखवाड़े की सफलता के लिए शुभकामनाएँ देता हूँ।</p>	<p>यह हर्ष का विषय है कि संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय द्वारा 16 अप्रैल से 30 अप्रैल 2018 तक 'स्वच्छता पखवाड़ा' का आयोजन किया जा रहा है। स्वच्छता का शारीरिक एवं मानसिक स्वास्थ्य तथा समाज की खुशहाली से सीधा संबंध है। स्वच्छताकरण में न केवल ईश्वर का वात होता है बल्कि अपने आसपास के वातावरण की स्वच्छता सुनिश्चित करना ईश्वर की आराधना के समतुल्य है।</p> <p>स्वच्छ भारत अभियान को केवल सरकारी कार्यक्रम के रूप में नहीं लेना चाहिए बल्कि यह तो हमारी जीवन पद्धति में समाहित होना चाहिए। मेरा मत है कि हम अपना घर, ऑफिस, आस-पड़ोस के सभी स्थान तथा अपने गांव-शहर को साफ रखने का संकल्प करें, तभी स्वच्छ-स्वस्थ-समर्थ भारत बनाने का हमारा स्वप्न सच होगा। आज 'स्वच्छ भारत' एक जन-आंदोलन का रूप ले चुका है और जन-भागीदारी ही इसकी सफलता का आधार एवं सक्ति है।</p> <p>मैं संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय द्वारा स्वच्छता के लिए चलाए जाने वाले "स्वच्छता पखवाड़ा" की सफलता की कामना करती हूँ। आशा है कि सभी कर्मचारी एवं अधिकारीगण स्वतः पहल कर इस जन-अभियान में अपनी समुचित भूमिका निभाएंगे।</p>
 (वेंकैया नायडू)	 (सुमित्रा महाजन)
<p>नई दिल्ली 5 अप्रैल, 2018</p>	

Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal administered "Swachhata Pledge" to the officers and staff of the Ministry.



An interactive session was also held in which Hon'ble Minister of State, Secretary and employees of the Ministry shared their experiences and views about the importance of cleanliness for healthy and prosperous life.

Hon'ble Minister of State Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal also quoted real life examples of behavioural changes due to Swachhta Campaign like how Children are the backbone of this campaign and are media of change. He emphasised the role of common man and how an individual is capable of bringing sea change. He also gave the message of Practice what one Preaches should start right from Home and Office. Following the same spirit clear difference can be seen in the level of cleanliness in the Ministry.



SWACHHATA ACTIVITY IN DELHI SCHOOL DURING YOUTH PARLIAMENT COMPETITION

In order to derive maximum benefits from Swachhta programme, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is running awareness programme about Swachh Bharat Mission through the platform of Youth Parliament Competition so as to attract students community towards this mission.

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs runs "Youth Parliament Schemes" in association with educational institutions of the Country. The Youth Parliament (earlier called Mock Parliament) was the brain child of 4th All India Whips Conference (AIWC) held in 1962. The recommendation of AIWC to hold Mock Parliament in Educational institutions and through Panchayat in rural areas was translated into reality in the year 1966-67. The Scheme of Youth Parliament has been designed with the purpose of strengthening the roots of democracy, inculcating



healthy habits of discipline, developing tolerance of divergent views, making them aware about the working of Parliament. At present, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs runs four separate Competitions of Youth Parliament. They are:- 1. Youth Parliament Competition for Schools of Delhi; 2 National Youth Parliament Competition for Kendriya Vidyalayas; 3. National Youth Parliament Competition for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas; and 4. National Youth Parliament Competition for Universities / Colleges. Besides these, this Ministry also provides financial assistance by the way of re-imbursement to the States/Union Territories for conducting youth parliament competitions.

On 18th April, 2018 Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs organized a Swachhata Awareness Programme in association with Bharti Public School, Swasthra Vihar Delhi who is also the winner of 52nd Youth Parliament Competition 2017-18 for Delhi schools.

Hon'ble Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel, presided over the programme. Shri S N Tripathi, Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Dr Satya Prakash, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs were also present in the programme.

Hon'ble MOS addressed the gathering of the children and encouraged them to become the leader of the 'Clean India Campaign'. He emphasised on the need of inculcating the spirit of hygiene and cleanliness in the children. He said that Children are the biggest ambassadors of the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' who can play a vital role to fulfil the dream of Hon'ble Prime Minister and Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. He lauded the efforts of the School to attract young students towards 'Swachh Bharat Mission'. He said that he was delighted to see that Teachers and Students of the Schools have joined this 'Clean India Campaign' very actively with great fervour and joy. He administered 'Swachhata Pledge' to the students. On this occasion, students' also presented theme-based songs on 'Swachh Bharat Campaign'.

Vijay Goel @VijayGoelBJP · 8m
 .@mpa_india is running awareness campaigns for #SwachhBharatMission through #Youth #Parliament Competitions to engage & involve young minds. Today, I was at Bharti Public School for #SwachhtaHiSewa & plantation drive & had a lively interaction with the future stars of #NewIndia.



The programme ended with plantation of trees by Hon'ble MOS, Secretary, MPA and Joint Secretary, MPA.

Opening of CPMU in the office of the Ministry in Parliament House ANNEX

As Nodal Ministry for e-Vidhan Mission Mode Project which aims to digitize and make the functioning of State Legislatures paperless as a part of the broader Digital India Programme the Ministry is taking all the necessary steps for rolling out the Project in all the States at an early date. One of the key component of the strategy devised for implementation of the project is to create Project Monitoring Units both at Central as well as State level. Since, digitization of the State Legislatures is likely to contribute to the cleanliness of environment by reducing the use of papers to a great extent, therefore keeping in view the objective of Swachhata Pakhwada new office of Central Project Monitoring Unit (CPMU), e-Vidhan has been set up at First Floor in Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi. on 19th April, 2018.



Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Shri Vijay Goel inaugurated the new office of Central Project Monitoring Unit in the presence of Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs Dr. Satya Prakash. Ms. Nandita Chaudhri, DDG, NIC was also present on this occasion.

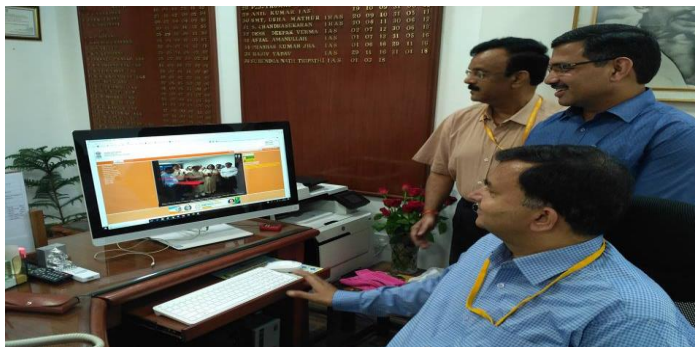
DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATERIAL/AUCTION

On 20th April, 2018 as part of Swachhata Pakhwada entire waste material/ obsolete office equipments lying in various rooms of the Ministry were removed and kept in the store in Jam Nagar House office of the Ministry for e-auction thereof at the earliest as per prescribed procedure.



LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE OF THE MINISTRY

On 23rd April, 2018 new website of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs with Swachhata Logo was launched by the Secretary. Officers of the Ministry were present during the launch of the new website.



CLEANLINESS DRIVE IN THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY LOCATED IN JAMNAGAR HOUSE BARRACKS

On 24th April, 2018 a cleanliness drive was undertaken by the officers/staff of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in its office located in Jam Nagar House Barracks. Under the leadership of the Secretary, rooms, corridors, furniture, almirahs, and all equipments of the office were cleaned. Waste materials and equipments which are not in use were collected for disposal/auction.



WORKSHOP/DEMONSTRATION ON YOGA FOR OFFICERS/OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY

A Workshop on Yoga was organised On 25th April, 2018 for the officers/officials of



the Ministry. In the Workshop, Dr. Yogi Udai, Principal, Morarji Desai National Yoga Institute, New Delhi explained the importance of cleanliness for healthy life and how it can be achieved through yoga.

Various asanas and pranayamas were performed by the officers and staff of the Ministry under his guidance.

OBSERVANCE OF SWACHHATA DIWAS DURING MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF MINISTRY OF TOURISM

Parliamentary Consultative Committee and were instituted in 1969 with a view to create awareness among the Members of Parliament about the working of Government, to promote informal consultation between the Government and the Members of Parliament on policies and programmes of the Government and the manner of their implementation and also to provide an opportunity to Government to benefit from the advice and guidance of the Members of Parliament in relation to policy matters and implementation of programmes and schemes. At present there are 34 such Consultative Committees attached to various Ministries/Department. This Ministry provide secretarial assistance to these Committees During this Pakhwada a meeting of the Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Tourism held on 26th April, 2018, the message of Swatchh Bharat Abhiyan was also spread.



E-VIDHAN VIDEO CONFERENCING WITH NODAL OFFICERS OF STATE GOVERNMENTS REGARDING NEVA AND SWACHHATA ACTIVITY

Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs being the Nodal Ministry for e-Vidhan Project is taking all the necessary steps for rolling out the Project in all the States at an early date. Role of Nodal Officers appointed by the State Governments for the Project and State NIC Officers is paramount for the success of the e-Vidhan MMP. Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi, Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs interacted with the Nodal Officers from all 31 States/ UTs with Legislatures as well as respective State NIC Officers through Video Conferencing (VC) from NIC Headquarter on 26th April, 2018. On this occasion, Dr. Satya Prakash, Joint Secretary,



Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Ms. Nandita Chaudhari, DDG, NIC and other senior NIC Officers were also present.

During this interaction Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs gave great emphasis on the role and to be played by the Nodal officers as well as that of State Informatics Officers (SIOs) for the success of the project. Secretary explained in details the features of National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA), which is being developed as a core product to be deployed on cloud (Meghraj) mirrored to the local State servers. NeVA would be a lite, simple, easy to download & operate Application. Purpose of the NeVA is to reduce the use of papers and bring automation in managing Legislative business in the House(s). Most of the features where no editing is required would be available for use by the Citizens without any key/password. It would have very few features for exclusive use of Legislatures/ Legislators to be accessed through ID & password. Secretary emphasised on the special role to be played by SIOs/ other State NIC Officers as it would be a National Project. They would be associated with the project for initial period of 2-3 years.

Since, digitization of the State Legislatures is likely to contribute to the cleanliness of environment by reducing the use of papers to a great extent, keeping in view the objective of Swachhata Pakhwada being observed by the Ministry from 16th to 30th April, 2018, 26th April, 2018 was specially chosen for interaction with State Nodal Officers through Video Conferencing.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AND PRESS RELEASE FUNCTION

For the first time this year Swachhata Awards have been initiated by Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation. In this connection awards were given away among the winner participants in the Swachhata Completion based on performance of different sections and participants in this programme. An evaluation was undertaken to assess the contribution made by them for achieving the objectives of the programme and Swach Bharat Abhiyan. It was decided to award three prizes received from the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation to :



1. Bal Bharti School, Swasth Vihar, Delhi
2. General Section
3. Implementation I&II Sections

These prizes were distributed to the winners by chief guest Shri Ramesh Bidhuri, Member of Parliament. Shri Ramesh Bidhuri lauded the efforts made by the Ministry for making Swachhata Abhiyan successful besides congratulating the winners. Secretary in his welcome speech congratulated winners and all the officers and staff of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs for their active and Meaningful participation in Swachhata Pakhwada. Joint Secretary gave account of activities done by the Ministry during the whole Pakhwada.



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Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs organized Swachhata Awareness campaign in association with Bharti Public School, Swasthya Vihar, Delhi on 18th April, 2018 to inculcate habits of hygien and cleanliness amongst students



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