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Subject: Report of Day-11 (26.12.2024) on celebration "Swachhta Pakhwada" by ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar - reg

The 11th day (26th December, 2024) of the *Swachhta Pakhwada* was celebrated with a special 'Campaign on cleaning of sewerage & water lines, awareness on recycling of waste water, water harvesting for use in agricultural and horticultural purposes including kitchen gardens in villages'. The participating scientists and staff sensitized the villagers about the necessity of regular cleaning of sewerage lines to get rid of several water borne diseases, mosquito menace and chances of contamination of drinking and domestic water through damaged and clogged pipe lines. They urged the need for recycling of waste water, and conserving and saving water in the face of increasing water scarcity.

This mass awareness and sensitization programme was organized in the MGMG-adopted *Balanga* village of Nimapara block in Puri district. Above fifty villagers, majority being women and youths, enthusiastically participated in the programme. Later, a cleanliness drive was undertaken in the premises of the 'Government Project Primary School, Totasahi, Balanga' with active community participation. All the participants were also administered *Swachhta* pledge and took part in the fortnight long 'Signature Campaign'. Some of the action and activity photographs of Day-11 (26.12.2024) are presented below.



Administering *swachhta* pledge and sensitizing the participants



Cleanliness drive inside the primary school premises, Totasahi, Balanga



Cleanliness drive on village approach roads



Group photo of the participants with Institute staff after the cleaning drive