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Subject: Report of Day-12 (27.12.2024) on celebration “Swachhhta Pakhwada” by ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar – reg

Two significant activities were undertaken on 27th December, 2024 under the *Swachhhta Pakhwada*. In the forenoon, a *swachhhta* awareness cum cleanliness drive of public places was organized in the in the MGMG-adopted *Majana* village of Jatani block in Khordha district with the active participation of over fifty participants including some enthusiastic children from the village. The villagers along with scientists and staff cleaned Lord Shiv Ji’s temple premises and the Village Community Centre through *shramdaan*. In order to imbibe the value of the *Swachh Bharat Mission*, all the participants were administered *swachhhta* pledge and took part in the fortnight long ‘Signature Campaign’.

In the afternoon, a special talk on ‘How to inculcate Inner Peace, Tranquility and Harmony’ was arranged in the conference hall of the Institute. Well known Spiritual Leader Swami Maheshatmananda Ji of Ramakrishna Math and Mission, Bhubaneswar was kind enough to grace the occasion as the Guest Speaker. In his talk, Swami Ji discussed the significance of inner peace and quietude in overcoming the blues of a stressful and tension-ridden life such as confusion, irritability, anxiety, conflicts etc that almost all of us are experiencing now-a-days. He emphasized upon the need for surrendering one’s ego and discovering the self within to realize inner peace. He said, a settled peace and calmness within us could help us to grow inner consciousness which is essential to realize our inner potential in terms of enhanced capability, improved efficiency and productivity in professional life mediated through higher mental power. An inner harmony can help us to live in harmony with nature and others around and to gain knowledge about happenings around without getting unduly shaken by the development outside. He also discussed the role of inner *swachhhta* in achieving *swachhhta* at home, workplace and society, and called upon the participants to do their work in right spirit.

Earlier, Dr. Arjamadutta Sarangi, Director welcomed Swami Maheshatmananda Ji and expressed his gratitude to Swami ji for his gracious presence in the Institute. In his opening remark, Dr. A. Sarangi underlined the importance of a calm and quiet mind in bringing innovation and excellence in research and academics. Dr. S.K. Mishra, Chairman, SBA Committee proposed the vote of thanks, while Dr. H.K. Dash, member of the Committee introduced the speaker and coordinated the event. Over sixty persons including scientists, office staff, scholars and students of IIWM attended the programme. Some of the action and activity photographs of Day-12 (27.12.2024) are presented below.



Swami Maheshatmananda Ji of Ramakrishna Math and Mission delivering his talk



Director Dr. Arjamadutta Sarangi giving his opening remarks



Swami Ji being honoured by the Director



Participants during the invited talk



Swachhta awareness and sensitization meeting at *Majana* village



Cleanliness drive inside Lord Shiv Ji's temple premises



Cleanliness drive around the village community centre



Group photo of the village participants along with scientists and staff