

## Report of Community activities under Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2018

Swachh Bharat Hygiene Committee (SBHC) of ICMR-NARI, Pune planned a community activity for the warkaris (pilgrims who walk along with Sant Tukaram and Sant Dnyaneshwar palkhi procession for 225 km in 22 days) under Swachh Bharat Mission. During the meeting of SBHC, NARI held on 18.06.2018, it was decided to distribute hygiene kits to warkaris along with swachhta messages. A total of 18 staff members including SBHC members volunteered to prepare and distribute around 6000 hygiene kit.



Pic 2: NARI volunteers preparing hygiene kits

On 05/07/2018, all the team members went to the temple town of Dehugaon for the Kar Seva/ Community activity. Three activities were conducted during the gathering of these warkaris at Dehugaon.

1) Activity at Gatha Mandir (Temple):

The temple management agreed to conduct the community activity on Swachh Bharat Mission for 100 students of Gatha Mandir who will be the pilgrims (Warkaris) during the 22 days religious activity. Dr. Suchit Kamble, Scientist 'D' conducted interactive session on importance of cleanliness in our day to day life including hand washing technique, mosquito breeding prevention, solid waste disposal and its impact on our health'. The flex boards for this were also displayed at venue. He also briefed students about HIV AIDS transmission and prevention. After this the hygiene kits with swachhta messages were distributed to the students and other warkaris present at that time by the volunteers.



Pic 1. Dr Suchit Kamble conducting interactive session for Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan at Gatha Mandir

- 2) Activity at Devdhar Wada: Around 100-150 warkaris staying at Devdhar Wada were told the importance of cleanliness / hygiene by Ms Radhika Brahme, Scientist C. She focused on proper hand washing technique, avoiding open defecation and drinking of clean water in order to remain healthy especially during the pilgrimage. After the talk the volunteers distributed the hygiene kits to the Warkaris.



Pic 3: Mrs Radhika Brahme creating cleanliness awareness during WARI

- 3) Activities for Dindis near Old Sant Tukaram Maharaj Mandir: At this place the devotees/ warkaris were thronging to get the glimes of the Palkhi. In order to distribute the hygiene kits to the warkaris, three groups of volunteers were made and kits were be distributed to various warkaris of different-different Dindis.



Pic 4: Distribution of hygiene kits ifor warkaris of different Dindis

All together it was a different experience for volunteers and was a new way of reaching messages of the Swachh Bharat Mission by ICMR-NARI

Following is the list of volunteers who took part in this activity.

1. Dr. Suchit Kamble
2. Mr. Michael Pereira
3. Dr. Abhijit Kadam
4. Ms. Radhika Brahme
5. Ms. Sheetal Mulay
6. Ms. Sneha Talati
7. Mr. Gaurav Telang
8. Mr Vishal Bhosale
9. Dr S M Shahabudin
10. Dr Swapna Pawar
11. 15.Mr. Robbinson Anthony
12. 16. Mr. Satish Nalkande
13. 17.Mr. Dynaeshwar Randhave
14. Mr. Dinesh Yadav
15. Ms. Dharmesh Singh

16. Mr. Sachin Jadhav
17. Ms. Suvarna Badekar
18. Ms. Dipali Kale
19. Ms. Shilpa Bembalkar
20. Mr. Sachin Walikar
21. Ms Pallavi Birdwade
22. Mr Kiran Walikar

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