

SWACHH PAKHWADA (16-31 MAY, 2017)

As per Government of India's initiative, under the Honourable Prime Minister's programme on 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan', Swachh Pakhwara activities were initiated at Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin on 16th May, 2017. In this connection, various programmes have been envisaged at CIFT, Cochin covering office and public places. The fortnightly celebrations started with a pledge on 16th May 2017 at the office. The Director, CIFT stressed upon the need to keep office premises and lab facilities clean and also requested all staff to participate in the fortnight long celebrations to make Swachh Pakhwada a grand success.



Swachh Bharat Pledge at ICAR-CIFT, Cochin by Director and staff

After taking the pledge in morning, entire staff of the Institute participated in general cleaning programme by weeding out unwanted records and cleaning of their office premises. The scientists and staff also did cleaning and maintenance of respective labs. The entire staff of CIFT, Cochin participated in the programme with great enthusiasm to make it a grand success.

A cleanliness drive was organized at the Institute. All the staff and scientists of the Institute participated in the cleanliness drive. The activity started at 2.30 p.m. and continued till 4.00 p.m. The Institute premises and outside were cleared of plastic waste and bio-waste.



Cleanliness drive at the ICAR-CIFT, Cochin



FISH WASTE UTILISATION

In continuation with the Swachh Pakhwada activities initiated on 16th May, 2017 at ICAR-CIFT, Cochin, a demonstration on fish waste utilization was organized at Thoppampady fish market. A demonstration on preparation of silage from fish waste was conducted in the market premises to around twenty participants. The participants were retail fish vendors at Thoppampady fish market. Around 15 to 20 kg of fish waste gets generated daily in the fish market and disposal of this waste poses a problem to the vendors.



Demonstration on preparation of silage from fish waste and descaling machine operation

Dr A.A. Zynudheen, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFT, Cochin demonstrated to the participants how fish waste can be effectively utilized to produce silage which can be incorporated in poultry or fish feed to enhance the nutritive value.

DEMONSTRATION ON FISH DESCALING MACHINE

Demonstration on Fish descaling machine was done at Thoppampady fish market. Three models of descalers fabricated at the Institute were operated and Shri Gokulan, Technical Officer demonstrated how fish scales can be removed using the machines.

TOWARDS PAPERLESS OFFICE

A talk on ERP software for the staff and scientists was arranged at the Institute. Shri C.G. Joshy, Scientist, explained the various modules of ERP software and how to use the ERP system. He outlined the benefits of adopting the online mode of applying and sanctioning of leave, tour approval, etc. The modules pertaining to scientists which have been devised for projects will go a long way in the future in effective monitoring and management of both in-house and external funded projects, he opined.



Shri C.G. Joshy explaining ERP software and its advantages towards paperless office to the staff of ICAR-CIFT, Cochin

There was an interactive session with the staff after the talk, where, doubts regarding the operation of the software were clarified by the speaker. Director, ICAR-CIFT, also interacted with the staff and requested to make maximum use of the software and

conveyed that during this year, intensive training on ERP will be imparted to all staff and scientists at the Institute.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT KADAMAKUDY

An awareness programme on 'Hygienic handling of fish' was done at Kadamakudy village. Around fifteen fisherfolk and students participated in the programme. The objectives of Swachh Bharat Mission was explained to the fishers by Dr Sindhu, Principal of Vocational Higher Secondary School, Kadamakudy. Importance of hygiene and sanitation at workplace was stressed by Dr V. Geethalakshmi, Principal Scientist. Dr A.K. Mohanthy presided over the programme and emphasized on the need for youngsters in carrying forward the message of cleanliness and sanitation at home and work place. Dr V.K. Sajesh, Scientist gave a formal Vote of thanks.



Awareness programme at Kadamakudy village

QUIZ PROGRAMME AT ICAR-CIFT, COCHIN

a quiz programme for staff was organized at the Institute. A total of eight teams participated in the quiz programme. The quiz was conducted by Dr George Ninan, Principal Scientist at the Conference hall of the Institute. There were a total of five rounds of which the first round was on 'Swachh Bharat Mission'. The other rounds were on Environment, Water, Sports and General Knowledge. The activity started at 2.00 p.m. and continued till 3.00 p.m. The staff and scientists of the Institute participated with great enthusiasm. Prizes for the winning teams were handed over by Dr Susheela Mathew, Principal Scientist & HOD (B & N).



Swachh Bharat Quiz at ICAR-CIFT, Cochin



Prizes given to the winners by Dr Susheela Mathew

AWARENESS AT FISH MARKET

Awareness on cleanliness at fish markets and demonstration on fish de-scaler machine was organized at Polakkandam Fish Market. Dr. Sajeew M.V., Senior Scientist, EIS Division welcomed the guests and addressed the gathering on the importance of maintaining hygiene in fish markets.



Introduction on the programme



Release of pamphlet by Health Inspector

Smt. Malathi, Health Inspector of South Mulankuzhy ward, Kochi Corporation released the pamphlet "*Matsyamarketkukalil vrithiyum shuchithvavum engine paripalikkam?*" and spoke about the importance of hygiene in market places and its effect on public health. The pamphlet was distributed among the fish vendors and supervisors of the market.

Demonstration on Fish De-scaler Machine was made for the benefit of fish vendors by Sh. Murali and Sh. Gokulan, Scientist and Technical Officer respectively of CIFT, Kochi.



Demonstration of Fish De-scaler Machine



Distribution of pamphlet to Vendors

Sh. Francis, Supervisor, Polakkandam Market distributed hygiene kit to the fish vendors consisting of glove and other accessories provided by Swacch Bharat team of CIFT. The programme generated immense curiosity among Fish vendors and public alike and concluded with a scientist-fish vendor interaction on various issues faced by fish vendors.



Distribution of Hygiene Kit to Fish Vendors



Interaction with fish vendors in market.