NEC Displays Remarkable Commitment to Swachhata Pakhwada-2024

From Pledges to Plantations: NEC Secretariat's Two-Week Initiative Garners Enthusiastic Participation and Results

Shillong, June 4th, 2024 – The North Eastern Council Secretariat, located in Shillong, has demonstrated exceptional dedication to cleanliness and hygiene during the Swachhata Pakhwada held from May 16th to May 31st, 2024. Under the dynamic leadership of the NEC Secretary, a series of impactful events and activities unfolded, reflecting the commitment of the entire NEC community towards a cleaner and greener environment.

The Pakhwada commenced with fervor as the Secretary, NEC administered the Swachhata Pledge on May 16th, 2024, embraced wholeheartedly by all officers and staff. This marked the beginning of a fortnight filled with constructive endeavors.

Cleaning and sanitization drives were conducted on May 17th and May 20th, 2024, covering both the NEC Secretariat Complex at Nongrim Hills and the residential areas at Nongrim Hills and Motinagar. The enthusiastic participation of officers, staff, and residents underscored the collective commitment towards maintaining cleanliness.

Intellectual engagement was fostered through competitions like essay writing and speech delivery on May 22nd, 2024. These contests, conducted bilingually, showcased innovative ideas and insights on tackling issues such as ewaste accumulation and fostering community participation in sustainable development.

A poster-making and slogan-writing competition ensued on May 24th, 2024, focusing on community participation in environmental protection. Simultaneously, an inter-section cleanliness competition added a spirit of healthy competition among various sections, sectors, cells, and branches of the NEC.

Recognizing the importance of green spaces, indoor plants were distributed to every room of the NEC on May 27th, 2024, contributing to improved air quality

and aesthetic appeal. Additionally, vehicular emission testing was conducted, promoting eco-friendly transportation practices.

A workshop on May 28th, 2024, delved into the role of government organizations in fostering societal change towards sustainable development and environmental protection, fostering dialogue and collaboration.

Concluding the Pakhwada on May 31st, 2024, a prize distribution ceremony will honor the winners of the various competitions, celebrating their contributions to the cause of cleanliness and sustainability.

Moreover, the commitment extended beyond Shillong, as cleanup activities were conducted in the basement of the NEC House, New Delhi, and surrounding areas. Additionally, voluntary blood donations were made during a camp organized by NERCORMS, emphasizing the holistic approach towards societal well-being.

The North Eastern Council Secretariat, Shillong, through its active participation and innovative initiatives, sets a commendable precedent in promoting cleanliness and environmental consciousness, embodying the spirit of Swachhata Pakhwada.

The Swachhata Pakhwada, 2024 witnessed an array of competitions aimed at fostering awareness and participation in cleanliness initiatives. From thoughtprovoking essays to creative poster-making, the NEC community showcased their talent and commitment to the cause.

Competition Winners:

Essay-writing Competition:

Hindi Category:

- 1. 1st Prize: Shri Aryan Singh, JSA
- 2. 2nd Prize: Shri Shivkumar Meena, Steno. III
- 3. 3rd Prize: Shri Ajay Kumar, JSA

English Category:

1. 1st Prize: Smti Niangzahat, JSA

2. 2nd Prize: Miss Aarti Khyriemmujat, Consultant

3. 3rd Prize: Shri Suraj Kumar, JSA

Short Speech Competition:

1. 1st Prize: Shri Aryan Singh, JSA

2. 2nd Prize: Shri Lamphang Kharbangar, JSA

3. 3rd Prize: Smti Niangzahat, JSA

Poster-making – cum – Slogan-writing Competition:

1. 1st Prize: Shri Ravi Kr. Singh, Social Media Team

2. 2nd Prize: Miss Neha Kushwaha, Steno. III

3. 3rd Prize: (i) Smti I.J. Kharshiing, E.E. (Power) & (ii) Shri W. Ibohanbi Singh, JSA

Inter-Section Cleanliness Competition:

1. 1st Prize:

- (i) Director (Admin.) Cell
- (ii) Administration Section
- 2. 2nd Prize:
 - (i) Planning Section
 - (ii) IPR Sector
- 3. 3rd Prize:
 - (i) Planning Adviser's Cell

The North Eastern Council Secretariat extends hearty congratulations to all the winners for their outstanding contributions. Their dedication and creativity serve as inspiration for a cleaner and greener future.

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