

Shri Sanjay Kumar inaugurates workspace beautification initiatives at Shastri Bhavan

Department of School Education & Literacy and its Autonomous Bodies continue activities under Special Campaign 4.0

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Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education, inaugurated a series of initiatives implemented by the Department under Special Campaign 4.0 on 28.10.2024 including a revamped garden space at Shastri Bhavan. These initiatives include the installation of eco-friendly recycled plastic benches and rejuvenation of the garden area, adornment of walls with paintings etc. undertaken in collaboration with Bisleri International under its CSR Programme.





The garden area at Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi now dons a completely revamped, green and pleasant look. The entire garden patch has been uplifted by putting grass cover, placement of lights with covers made from recycled plastic, repairing and painting of tree guards and setting up of circular sitting areas around trees carved from recycled plastic.



During the event, Shri Sanjay Kumar also explored new initiatives within the building where the traditional furniture in the common sitting areas for visitors has been replaced with sustainable benches and tables crafted from recycled plastic. These benches not only providing good utility but also catching the attention of one and all with serene colour and striking message which reads, 'Bench made from recycled plastic'. These benches also feature paintings by Mouth and Foot Painting Artists (MFPA). Further enhancing the eco-friendly environment, rows of potted plants have been placed throughout corridors and common areas. It is intended that these natural additions, purify the air and provide a calming ambience at the workplace.



The occasion also witnessed the unveiling of vibrant corridors adorned with paintings by MFPA. The paintings not only enhance the ambience but also add a spirit of inclusivity.



At the Ministry's Conference hall, beautiful artwork has been placed showcasing the Indian Institute of Science and Banaras Hindu University skilfully painted by artists from National Bal Bhavan. The conference hall also has exhibits of vibrant photographs capturing the spirit of school education from schools across the country. These inspiring images embody the Department's mission to make quality education accessible to every child.

Aligned with the goals of Special Campaign 4.0, these initiatives highlight the importance of cleanliness, waste reduction and recycling while serving as an educational tool to promote environmental responsibility.

DoSEL is also proud to share the remarkable success of Special Campaign 4.0. So, far 32,037 cleanliness campaigns have been conducted by schools and institutions nationwide. The enthusiastic participation of these institutions is setting a strong example, furthering the message of Swachhata and inspiring others to take action.

As of 29.10.2024, the following milestones have been achieved:

- Imparting of environmentally friendly practices to students, following the 3 R formula: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Students are also taught to create arts and craft from waste materials and design functional pieces from salvaged items.
- 1,44,338 sq. feet of space has been freed up and put to productive alternative use.
- Out of 61,100 physical files identified for review, all have been examined. So far, 40,106 files have been marked for weeding, with 38,997 already weeded out.

The enthusiastic participation of institutions and schools in Special Campaign 4.0 is significantly contributing to the promotion of Swachhata and environmental sustainability.

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