Date: 19-09-2026

Institute: **ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Jharkhand**

Activities:

- Inauguration of Swachhta Pakhwada
- Display of banners at institute gates, hostels and residential areas of the institute
- Taking Swachhata pledge with staff and students

Number of participants: 77

As part of the Swachhta Pakhwada, banners highlighting the Swachhta Pakhwada campaign were displayed at the main gates of the Institute, hostels, guest house, and near the residential quarters to create awareness among staff, students, residents, and visitors.

The Swachhta Pakhwada was inaugurated at 12:00 PM in the Committee Room of the Institute. The event was attended by scientific, administrative, technical, supporting staff, and sanitary workers and students of the Institute. The programme commenced with a welcoming the campus incharge, academic coordinator and the staffs followed by the Swachhta Pledge. A total of 55 students and 22 staff members, comprising 77 participants, participated in the inauguration and pledge-taking activity.

Dr. S. K. Mahanta, Campus in charge, briefed the participants on the importance of observing Swachhta Pakhwada and urged everyone to actively participate in the various activities planned during the fortnight. He also emphasized the importance of maintaining personal cleanliness and keeping the surroundings clean. Dr. Vishal Nath highlighted the importance of being a responsible citizen and creating awareness about cleanliness and hygiene. He also emphasized the need to work efficiently with available resources and to view cleanliness-related activities as opportunities for improvement. Mr. Vikram Verma, Administrative Officer, and Mr. Ashwini Kumar, Finance and Accounts Officer, also shared their remarks and emphasized the importance of collective participation in maintaining cleanliness within the Institute campus, while assuring necessary administrative support for the successful implementation of the Swachhta activities.

During the programme, discussions were held on efficient disposal of household waste, waste segregation, preparation of compost from biodegradable waste, and creating awareness among residents of the Institute quarters. The participants discussed measures for effective waste management, reuse of waste, and maintaining cleanliness in the residential areas of the Institute.



Pledge taking by staff and students



Campus in charge addressing the gathering during inauguration





Display of Swachhta Pakhwada Banner at different location