

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is one of the important flagship programmes of the Government of India that has been initiated by our Hon'ble Prime Minister to fulfil Mahatama Gandhi 's dream of clean and hygienic India. It was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on the 145<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of the Father of the Nation Mahatama Gandhi on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 at Rajghat, New Delhi. It is aimed to make India a 'Clean India' by 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 on the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatama Gandhi. In order to derive maximum benefits from this programme, it is important that our student community must know and be aware of the mission. In this direction, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is running awareness programme about Swachh Bharat Mission through the platform of Youth Parliament Competition so as to attract our students towards this mission.

Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is observing Swachhata Pakhwada from 16<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and on this occasion the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs organized a Swachhata Awareness Programme in association with Bharti Public School, who is the winner of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Youth Parliament Competition 2017-18, today, the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018, in their school in Swasthya Vihar, Delhi.

Hon'ble Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel, attended the programme. Shri S N Tripathi, Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Dr Satya Prakash, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs were also present in the programme.

Hon'ble MOS addressed the gathering of the children and encourage them to become the leader of the 'Clean India Campaign'. He emphasised on the need of inculcating the spirit of hygiene and cleanliness in the children. He said Children are the biggest ambassadors of the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' who can play a vital role to fulfil the dream of Hon'ble Prime Minister and Father of the Nation, Mahatama Gandhi. He lauded the efforts

of the School to attract young students towards 'Swachh Bharat Mission'. He said he is delighted to see that Teachers and Students of the Schools are joining this 'Clean India Campaign' very actively with great fervour and joy. He also administered 'Swachhata Pledge' to the students. On this occasion, students' also presented theme based songs on 'Swachh Bharat Campaign'. The programme ended with plantation of trees by Hon'ble MOS, Secretary, MPA and Joint Secretary, MPA.

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