

## ICAR-CIPHET organised Swachhata Pakhwada Cleanliness Campaign

Swachhata Pakhwada Cleanliness Campaign was organized at ICAR- Central Institute of Post-harvest Engineering and Technology, Ludhiana and Abohar campus during 16 to 31 December, 2022. Swachhata pledge was taken by all the employees of the institute. All the employees were grouped into different teams for coordinating various activities and sensitizing the society about the importance of Swachhata. Dr. Nachiket Kotwaliwale, Director, ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana, highlighted the relevance of swachhata in daily life and the necessity of everyone's participation in this Pakhwada.

A webinar was organized about the “Post-harvest management of winter crops” as part of ‘Swachhata Pakhwada’, on Kisan Diwas. Dr. Rupender Kaur, SMS, KVK, Abohar has given a brief presentation on post- harvest management of winter crops, where she highlighted the different practices and technologies which helps to add value to the winter crops. The programme was attended by sixty-eight participants included different stakeholders

The team of ICAR-CIPHET employees also visited different villages in Ludhiana and Abohar and conducted cleaning programmes. This involved cleaning and collecting of garbage and segregating them into bio degradable and non-biodegradable followed by properly disposal, cleaning of sewerage and water lines, creating awareness on recycling of waste water and water harvesting for using in agriculture/horticulture/kitchen gardens in residential colonies. During the campaign, various stakeholders were sensitized about reducing wastage of food materials and various techniques for converting waste to wealth. They were also made aware about the importance for discontinuing use of single use plastic and overall cleanliness.

