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## <u>Cleanliness, health & hygiene awareness and plantation</u> drive by IIT (ISM) students as part of <u>Swachhata Pakhwada</u>

In continuation with the fortnight long cleanliness drive, launched on September 1 as part of Swachhata Pakhwada being organized under the supervision of Ministry of Education, IIT (ISM) Students today carried out a cleanliness cum sanitary pad donation drive at Lahbani and Kanglo Basti (Lal Bangla) and simultaneously carried out a Tree Plantation drive at Malhar Basti (Bagula).

The drive during which intense sweeping of the dusty streets of the two villages were carried out, began at around 10 am in the morning which was followed by lifting of garbage.

The drive being carried out by Centre of Societal Mission (CSM) and its different wings including Karma Jyoti (KJ) and Fast Forward India (FFI) also witnessed organization of a blood donation camp by the Blood Line a wing of Fast Forward India at Health Centre of the Institute.

Giving Details, Sanjeev Anand Sahu, Associate Professor of Mathematics at IIT (ISM) who is also the head of the Centre of Societal Mission (CSM) said, "We began the fortnight long drive on September 1 under which sanitary pad donation began from the hostels as well as other places like Main Canteen, Central Library and Amul Parlour etc but the cleanliness and sanitation drive in the hostels as well adjoing adopted village were held on weekends on September 3-4 and later on September 10 and 11"

"During the cleanliness drive that was carried out yesterday (September 10), our student volunteers assisted by some sanitation workers of IIT (ISM) carried out intensive sweeping and garbage clearing in the two PG Hostels of the college including, Rosaline Girls Hostel and Emerald Boys Hostel" said Sahu and added that special attention was paid to the cleanliness of hostel messes during the yesterday's drive.

"During the cleanliness drive at Lahbani and Kanglo Basti, which was carried out today our student volunteers also apprised the villagers about the significance of Hygiene and Sanitation in leading a healthy life" elaborated Sahu.

"Our girl volunteers on the other hand laid focus on menstruation hygiene during their interaction with girl and women of the two villages and also distributed sanitary pads among them" said Sahu and added that these sanitary pads were collected from the students, staff and faculty members of the institute.

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