

A Report on the 'Clean India' Programme organized by the Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

The Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports organized 'Clean India' programme from 1st October to 31st October 2021 to create an overall awareness regarding the collection of waste, mainly single use plastic waste and traditional water resources. We appreciate the ministry's sincere efforts behind this programme which has given us a chance to participate in the vision of 'Clean India'.

To start with, our team conducted few brainstorming and idea-pooling sessions to draft a complete schedule of activities. So, that the idea of 'Clean India' gets delivered in a more creative manner. The Village **Muneerabad** of rangareddy district was selected based on the following factors: -

- Feasibility of the team
- Potential of development
- Availability of logistics and resources

Under this programme, we formulated a team including students and faculty members. The crucial points were discussed, and the following activities were conducted

Sanitization & Hygiene Awareness

Our team equipped themselves with essential hygiene, mask and sanitizing tools and set off on the streets of the village to meet the residents of the locality. We first talked on the importance of hygiene and its dire need in the backdrop of the pandemic COVID-19. We then demonstrated the correct use of the common tools for hygiene and the proper techniques of its usage. This included usage of mask, face shield, hand-carry sanitizer and sanitizer spray among others.

No to Plastic

We all are aware of the amount of damage the plastic is constantly causing, which generally goes unnoticed. To explain this our team approached with a creative style of skit where they demonstrated the cut-down usage of plastic bottles, plastic bags and also about enormous damage plastic is causing to the health. They also suggested alternatives to plastic usage.

Proper Waste Disposal

A special drive was conducted to ensure proper waste disposal and waste management. Proper waste disposal is beneficial to the environment. Without it, the land and its underlying resources are prone to contamination which may lead to various diseases and other health concerns. It will lead to a greater impact on beautification of the village.

Plant Saplings

Plant saplings were done to sensitize towards environment protection and sustainability and to beautify the village.

Maintenance of Traditional Water Resources

Rainwater harvesting is an essential technique and was already common among us, however, what was uncommon was the 'technology driven' hygiene techniques that could lessen the labour and increase efficiency. Many were unaware of the many easy-to-build techniques. We run a poster sticking drive to introduce such techniques, thereby increasing their efficiency of water storage and decreasing the labour in maintenance.

Mega Health Camp The mega health camp was organized and was open for all age group. The student volunteers actively participated in the following services:

- Patient Counselling
- Distribution of Medication
- Distribution of masks, sanitizer, sanitary pads etc.
- Multivitamins and supplements

All in all, this was a very exciting and a useful programme to run and it motivates all of us to join the campaign and be a part of the big vision 'Clean India'.