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Chennai Division carries out Mass Tree Plantation Drive today

Nearly 800 participants planting 2300 saplings

The Swachhata Hi Sewa (SHS) Campaign 2024 in Chennai Division kick started on 17.09.2024 with various thematic campaigns being organized to rekindle the momentum of mass participation in cleanliness initiatives.

Mass Tree Plantation Drive:

As part of the ongoing fortnight long Special Cleanliness drive, today, on, 21.09.2024, a mass tree plantation drive was held across various stations, Railway colonies, Depots and Car Sheds with plantation of nearly 2300 saplings. Nearly 800 members comprising Railway Officers and staff, students, Scouts and Guides, NGOs and volunteers actively participated in this event across Chennai Division.

Some Glimpses of Tree Plantation Drives held at Chennai Division:

Dr.MGR Chennai Central:

Shri Alok Kumar Maurya, Sr.Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Coaching, Shri. Punniyakoti, Additional Chief Medical Superintendent along with Railway officers and staff and Students & Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Higher Secondary School, Island Grounds actively participated in the cleaning activities, tree plantation drive held at Dr. MGR Chennai Central railway station.

Velachery Car shed:

EMU Car Shed Velachery in association with Dreamz Foundation, Students from Guru Nanak College and staff planted 70 saplings and 30 seed balls during the drive.

Railway Higher Secondary School, Perambur:

150 students and teachers enthusiastically participated in the tree plantation drive, planting 50 saplings within the school premises. This initiative highlights the importance of cultivating a greener environment and promotes environmental responsibility among the younger generation.

Tambaram Car Shed:

Nearly 150 staff of Tambaram Car Shed actively planted 100 saplings in the plantation drive, emphasizing their commitment to environmental sustainability.

Health & Awareness Campaign for Conservancy Staff:

The Swachhata Hi Sewa campaign not only focuses on cleanliness but also emphasis on the importance of cleaning staff role in everyday cleaning activities. Various health camps were held on 18th & 19th September 2024 and PPE kits and equipments were distributed to the cleaning staff. Awareness program on various welfare schemes were also held for the benefit of cleaning staff. Nearly 850 cleaning staff actively participated in the campaign held at Chennai Central, Chennai Egmore, Arakkonam, Katpadi, Jolarpettai, Chengalpattu, Tambaram and Avadi.

Swachata Competitions:

In Chennai Division, as part of the special cleanliness drive, various sports leagues and competitions were conducted on 20th September 2024 for students of railway schools to promote cleanliness. Games like Basketball, Badminton, Carrom, Kabaddi and Chess were held and students actively participated in these leagues.

From used drums, bearings and other discarded items small benches and dolls were also created showcasing creation of art even from waste.

Tomorrow's drive:

Tomorrow, 22.09.2024 is themed with walkathons, cyclothon and marathon activities to spread awareness of the importance of cleanliness which will be flagged off by Shri. B Viswanath Eerya Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai Division, at Dr. MGR Chennai Central Railway station.

Chennai Division of Southern Railway reaffirms its dedication to excellence in cleanliness. All rail users, passengers, and the public are requested to join hands in the Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign 2024 for a cleaner, healthier, and Greener tomorrow.

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