

MISCELLANEOUS

International Day of Yoga

International Day of Yoga was celebrated by the institute on 21.06.2020. NISER conducted various yoga sessions, pranayama etc in which the faculty members, staff and students of the institute participated with all enthusiasm through online mode following all the COVID-19 guidelines.

Foundation Day

Since the inception of NISER, the Institute has been celebrating its foundation day every year. On this occasion two prominent faculty members of NISER i.e. Professor A Srinivasan and Professor Bedangadas Mohanty delivered the Foundation day lecture on 6th September 2020, NISER celebrated its 11th Foundation Day of the institute, commemorating initiation of the academic programs at NISER. The Foundation day lecture was delivered online due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Sadbhavana Diwas, Rastriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) & Vigilance Awareness Week etc. were conducted in the virtual mode following all the COVID-19 guidelines.

Seminars/Conferences/Workshops etc. during the period 2020-21

- Student Conference on Photonics and Quantum Technology 2021- 24/02/2021 to 26/02/2021
- Advanced Functional Analysis and its Applications 2020- 16/12/2020 to 24/12/2020
- DAE-BRNS High Energy Physics (HEP) Symposium 2020 -14/12/2020 to 18/12/2020
- Young Investigator Meet on Quantum Condensed Matter Theory (YIMQCMT) 2020 -15/12/2020 to 18/12/2020
- International Conference on Main-group Molecules to Materials-II- 09/12/2020 to 11/12/2020
- A virtual conference on Infectious Disease, Microbiome, and Public Health In the current scenario -10/08/2020 to 11/08/2020

- Indian Institutions-Fermilab Neutrino School-05/04/2020 to 11/04/2020

All the above activities were conducted following the COVID-19 guidelines.

Swachha Bharat Abhiyan

Swachhata Hi Seva Hai (SHS) Campaign



स्वच्छता ही सेवा है Cleanliness is Godliness

NISER is maintaining complete cleanliness in its entire campus viz. offices, labs, classrooms, lecture halls, library, medical dispensary, hostels, corridors, roads, parks, playgrounds etc. To accomplish this task other than the routine cleaning the Swachhata Committee and Students conduct special cleanliness drives, sensitization programmes time to time in the institute. Student volunteers are significantly contributing to this cause by conducting frequent cleanliness drives especially in the hostel areas. "Swachhata Pakhwada" as per directives received from DAE is also being conducted in the Institute. Some of such events conducted during the year 2020-21 are being reported here.

Swachhata Pakhwada - February 16th to 28th, 2021: (a) February 16th, 2021 - March-Past and Campus Cleaning Drive:

- March-Past with campus cleaning drive was conducted by NISER employees and students during 11am to 1pm within NISER campus on February 16th, 2021.
- Roadsides, parks, playground, streets of residential colony, hostels, dispensary, bank and vehicle parking areas were cleaned.
- During the march past placards with swachhata related messages were shown to sensitize the people towards cleanliness.
- Some photographs of march past are shown below.





- (b) **Sensitization Programme on February 17, 2021:** Dr. Amarendra Das of HSS department and a team of student volunteers have conducted this sensitization programme for NISER employees, students, and residents of the campus towards proper segregation and disposal of solid and liquid waste.
- Swachhata Movie Show on February 18th, 2021 was organized by the NISER Film Club and the relevant clips from the following 6 documentaries were screened to sensitize the campus community towards cleanliness: Carbon – Royal stag Barrel
 - YOU – A step towards clean India
 - Little Steps by KAT Productions
 - Nanha Doot
 - Murga
 - Satkarmi Rati Wadho
- (c) **Swachchhata Survey and Audit February 19th to 21, 2021:** Dr. Amarendra Das of HSS department and a team of student volunteers have conducted this Swachchhata Survey and Audit in the campus. They collected the relevant facts / data / information which can be used to improve the cleanliness and better disposal of solid and liquid waste in the campus and the surrounding areas. The report was presented before the Director, NISER in the closing function of the Pakhwada on March 3rd, 2021.
- (d) **Cleaning of the Plantation Area February 22nd to 26th, 2021:** To clean the bushes in the plantation area special drive was conducted as part of Pakhwada activity, so that the campus community freely walk through the plantation area. It is pertinent to mention here that in order to increase the greenery in the campus around 5000 plants of Cashewnut, Mango, Guava and Coconut have been planted with the help of state forest department of Government of Odisha.
- (e) **Swachhata Art and Craft Competition February 24th, 2021:**
- The competition was announced on February 24th, 2021 for the duration up to February 28th, 2021 and the theme of the competition was "Best out of Waste".
 - The creations were display / shown and evaluated in the Pakhwada Concluding Function held on March 3rd, 2021.
 - First, Second and Third place winners were rewarded with Certificate and Cash Prize of Rs.1500/- 1000/- and 500/- respectively.
 - The winners were:
 - ◇ First Prize: Mr. Laxmidhar Bhuiyan
 - ◇ Second Prize: A Student and Mr. Manoranjan Maharana
 - ◇ Third Prize: Ms. Sunayana Kashyap
- (f) **Essay / Poem Writing Competition on Swachchhata February 26th, 2021 :**
- An Essay / Poem writing competition on "Role of Cleanliness in Prevention of COVID Pandemic" was conducted in the Institute.
 - First, Second and Third place winners were rewarded with Certificate and Cash Prize of Rs.1500/- 1000/- and 500/- respectively.

- The winners of this competition were:
 - ◇ First Prize: Ms. Babita Pradhan & Smt. Smruti Kanungo
 - ◇ Second Prize: Mr. Nikhil Kumar & Mr. Sudhanshu Kannaujiya
 - ◇ Third Prize: Ms. Shikta Priyadarshini

(g) Swachhata Based Eco – Quiz Competition on February 26th, 2021:

- In this event the participation was in the form of teams of two Students / Employees.
- The competition was consisting of written screening round & five rounds of oral quizzing. First, Second and Third place winner teams were rewarded with the Certificate and Cash Prize of Rs.1500/- 1000/- and 500/- respectively.
- The winners were:
 - ◇ First Prize: Mr. Akhil Tripathi & Mr. Nikhil Kumar
 - ◇ Second Prize: Mr. Shaswat Sourav Sahoo & Mr. Sunandan Panda
 - ◇ Third Prize: Mr. Kaustubh Prakash & Mr. Monu Kumar

(h) Cleanest Hostel Competition during February 26th to 28th, 2021:

The Cleanest Hostel Competition was announced for 3 days i.e. from February 26th to 28th, 2021. During the period every participating hostel students were asked to maintain best possible cleanliness in their respective hostel areas. The council of wardens coordinated by Dr. Deepak Dalai has inspected each participating hostel every day to decide the Cleanest Hostel. Wardens announced that the “Brahmaputra Hostel” is the winner of this year’s competition. A team of students from Brahmaputra Hostel has received the Certificate and cash prize of Rs 2000/- from the Director on the Pakhwada Closing function on March 3rd, 2021.

(i) Pakhwada Closing Function on March 3rd, 2021:

Though the Pakhwada was observed during February 16th to 28th, the closing function was organized on March 3rd, 2021 because of some logistics and administrative reasons. Honourable Director, Prof. Sudhakar Panda was the Chief Guest of the function. In this function Swachhata Survey and Audit Report was presented by Dr. Amarendra Das of HSS department. The Chief Guest of the function has distributed the prizes to the winners of all competitive events conducted during the Swachhata Pakhwada period.

Few snaps of the Art and & Craft exhibition and prize distribution in the concluding function held on March 3rd, 2021 are depicted below:







Official Language in NISER

NISER is making all possible efforts for effective implementation of Official Language Policy of the Union in the institute. The Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC) under Chairmanship of Director, NISER plays an active and important role to ensure proper implementation of the policy level orders, instructions received from DAE as well as Government of India. Some of the mandatory requirements like bilingual signage, stamps, letterheads, advertisements, tenders, and reports are already being done in the institute. The staff members those have been trained through various official language

Hindi courses are doing their official work partially in Hindi. To encourage and motivate more employees to execute their official work in Hindi, the DAE's Incentive Scheme (ATOLIS - Atomic Energy Official Language Implementation Scheme) has also been implemented and the staff members are being awarded the cash prizes under the scheme. The institute time to time also conducts Hindi Seminars / Webinars, Conferences, Workshops and Training Sessions. Competitive events in official language Hindi like essay writing, film quiz, shrutlekh, open speech competitions etc. are the essential part of Hindi Pakhwada / Hindi Diwas celebrations in the Institute every year.