**Swachhta Pakhwara**

Institute and its KVKs celebrated swachhta fortnight during September 15 to October 2, 2018 and December 16 to 31, 2018. The institute organized Swachhta Pakhwara twice in the year 2018-19. Swachhta Hi Seva fortnight programmes were organized during September 15, 2018 to October 2, 2018 and Swachhta Pakhwada was organised during December 16-31, 2018. Under Swachhta hi Seva programmes, the Institute along with its KVKs at Chinyalisaur and Kafligair organised various programmes. All the staff of the institute and KVKs took Swachhta pledge on September 15, 2018 and various activities were taken up during the fortnight.
During Swachhta Pakhwara, various activities, viz., cleaning of water storage tank, awareness about cleanliness in kitchen gardens, cleaning of sewage, drainage lines and choked water pipes were taken up in residential colonies of Hawkabagh campus and Mahet village of Almora district.

A competition among the various laboratories was organized on cleanliness in laboratories. A team of scientists examined various laboratories based on their adherence to cleanliness, safety measures, working environment, categorization of chemicals, working guidelines. A total nine laboratories of the institute viz. agronomy, soil science, biochemistry (quality), plant physiology, entomology, molecular entomology, soil microbiology, biotechnology and plant pathology were examined. The biochemistry (quality) got the first place followed by soil microbiology and entomology laboratory.
Quiz competition was organized for students of Vivekananda Ucchatar Madhyamik Vidya Mandir, Kafigair by KVK, Bageshwar. An Essay competition on “Swacch Bharat Abhiyan, Jeevan me swacchta ka mahatav and Swacch evam viksit rashtra” was organized by KVK, Chiniyalisaur for students of Government Inter college, Chinyalisaur.