

Swachhata Hi Sewa: A Cleanliness Drive

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On the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, Bandra West witnessed the Gandhian ideology being practiced by young students, pre-service teachers and their mentors. As a part of the ongoing Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, an intensive cleanliness drive 'Swachhata Hi Sewa' was jointly organized by Rizvi Education Society's Rizvi College of Education and Awami Educational Institutions, a befitting tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary.

Awami Junior College principal, Mr. Al Nasser Zakaria said that ever since the launch of Swachh Bharat mission by our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at Rajpath in New Delhi on 02nd October, 2014 people throughout the length and breadth of the country have embraced this national mission wholeheartedly. When our Prime Minister himself picked up the broom to clean dirt the whole nation emulated him. To spread this message in our vicinity not only the principals, students and staff of Awami Urdu High School, A. R. S. Awami English School, Awami Junior College of Arts & Commerce and Rizvi College of Education but also the BMC officials and workers took part in the Shramdan activities enthusiastically. The cleanliness drive reflected the dream of Gandhiji's 'Clean India'. It comprised of various activities like Prabhat Pheri, Shramdan, sensitisation programme, drawing competition, screening of short films, awareness talk, interaction with BMC officials, tree plantation, etc. The Prabhat Pheri was a silent walk with placards carrying messages on hygiene and cleanliness which was carried out in the vicinity of Awami school. Students cleaned the public places as well as the school premises. The school playground, garden and administrative areas were also cleaned.

Rizvi B.Ed. college principal, Mr. Gyanprakash Arya emphasized that providing facilities such as toilet and dustbins is just not enough and cleanliness is a habit that must be inculcated from the formative years of a child's development. He further added that Swachhata Abhiyan has united people from across the country who are now initiating ways of developing this habit. Together we have catalysed the fulfillment of Bapu's dream of a "Clean India" on his 149 birth anniversary.

The students and staff of Bandra west paid a rich tribute to Gandhiji on his birth anniversary by upholding his belief that cleanliness is an act of worship.