

## **LORETO COLLEGE, KOLKATA**

### **MGNCRE-SAP INTERNATIONAL SIGNAGES DAY**

23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021

Loreto College, Kolkata takes immense pride in being a part of MGNCRE, MHRD, Government of India, and in undertaking and executing various programmes under MGNCRE guidance. On 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021, students of Loreto College Kolkata across all departments participated in the event **MGNCRE-SAP International Signages Day** and prepared handmade signages to uphold the values of **Swachhta**. Not only the students but also the teaching and the non-teaching staff participated in the event. The Principal of Loreto College Sr. Dr. Christine Coutinho, and the students took an oath with the Swachhta Pledge in the college campus. An institutional level Swachhta Policy was also framed. Moreover, each department who took part in the activity framed Swachhta Policy of its own according to the subject applicability. The departments also added small messages for the need of Swachhta along with the Swachhta Policy. The Departments also tagged the Swachhta Policy of the institution with its own.

The following images are the glimpses of the activity undertaken within College premises on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 maintaining all Covid protocols.

### **Institutional Swachhta Policy**

An institutional Swachhta Policy was framed by the College and steps are being taken up to put it up in the form of a signage board within college premises.

### **Swachhta Policy of Loreto College, Kolkata**

To institutionalize a culture of cleanliness and promoting a sustainable environment on campus.

**Creation of Swachh Cell with the students:** Setting up a Swachhta Cell with student representatives from all departments.

It will be responsible for ensuring clean and tidy classrooms. Keeping notice boards clean is the responsibility of the student representatives. If department classrooms are not cleaned satisfactorily the Swachhta representatives are to report the matter to the administration. The

Cell is also responsible for ensuring that lights and fans are turned off after use of a classroom. All dustbins must be emptied out daily at the end of the day. In case dustbins in classrooms are not clean at the beginning of a day, the matter must be reported.

### **Canteen Cleanliness**

Highest standards of cleanliness to be maintained in the College canteen. Waste segregation is to be strictly followed in the Canteen and kitchen waste is used for vermicomposting.

### **Clean Energy**

Solar Cells have been installed covering 40 % of the campus electricity needs.

Only LED bulbs to be used on campus.

**Reducing Water Wastage :** There should be constant monitoring of the drainage system.

**Campus to be a plastic free zone:** Campus must become plastic free.

### **Ensuring healthy and Green Environment:**

Regular awareness programmes on health issues for staff and students.

Holding regular blood donation and medical camps.

Developing a rich herbal garden with medicinal plants.

Developing organic gardening the produce of which can be used for consumption purposes in college.

Organising regular tree plantation drives.

Promoting healthy lifestyle and consumption patterns; encouraging the use of the landscaped garden for yoga and medication.

# Swachhta Policy Initiatives of Different Departments of Loreto College

## Department of Education

The Swachhta Policy initiatives of the Department of Education

**Department of Education  
Loreto College- Swachhata Policy**

 Education transforms individuals into agents of change for creating a sustainable world ensuring environmental protection and conservation, social equity and economic sustainability.

 Students engage in numerous drives for securing healthy family, school and community environment through healthy water, sanitation and hygiene practices.

 Education has enabled students to develop knowledge and skills for creating a barrier free inclusive environment for all because the earth is the only one thing that is common to all and hence we should be involved in being a part of its solution rather than degradation.

## Department of Geography

The Swachhta Policy initiatives of the Department of Geography

**SWACHHTA POLICY  
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY**

 **Promote Environmental Consciousness:** Indoor water plants in reusable glass bottles and jars could be kept in classrooms in the near future. Plants along the department corridors to encourage environmental aesthetics.

 **Bins at strategic locations:** Every classroom has a bin for collecting paper waste. Consumption of food within classrooms is strictly prohibited so as to prevent odour pollution from accumulation of decomposable waste.

 **Energy Conservation:** Students are made aware to switch off the lights and fans after use.

 **Annual stock taking:** Departmental storage spaces, laboratory equipments and facilities are thoroughly cleaned. This ensures proper maintenance and workable conditions for instruments.

 **Experiential learning:** During field visits students study waste management systems of societies in the study area. This way new and best practices of waste disposal of other communities are learnt & implemented wherever possible.

## Department of History

Policy document for Swachh Bharat to be implemented by the Department of History:

1. Take the students on heritage tours to educate them about the city's natural and built heritage which are at the risk of getting destroyed due to rampant littering. This is detrimental to the very existence of a city like Calcutta. Students should be encouraged to go for a clean drive of historic old buildings and the precincts of natural heritage sites in order to preserve the city's heritage, history and identity.
2. Educate students about Mahatma Gandhi and Gandhian ideals and inculcate in them the values of cleanliness and a clean India as envisioned by Gandhi. It should be emphasized that no work is beneath one's dignity and an unclean environment is detrimental to the inhabitants of the city. Students need to be encouraged to proactively keep their homes, their college and the nearby areas clean, thereby embodying the values of Gandhiji.
3. While teaching local history, analyse the history of Indore designated the cleanest city in India for the fourth year in a row and comprehend how changes in lifestyle and old habits could transform a city and the benefits it would render to the city dwellers in the long run.

## Department of Psychology

Policies to be implemented in the Department of Psychology:

1. **Recycling Bins:** Installation of recycling bins in classrooms used by the Department of Psychology.

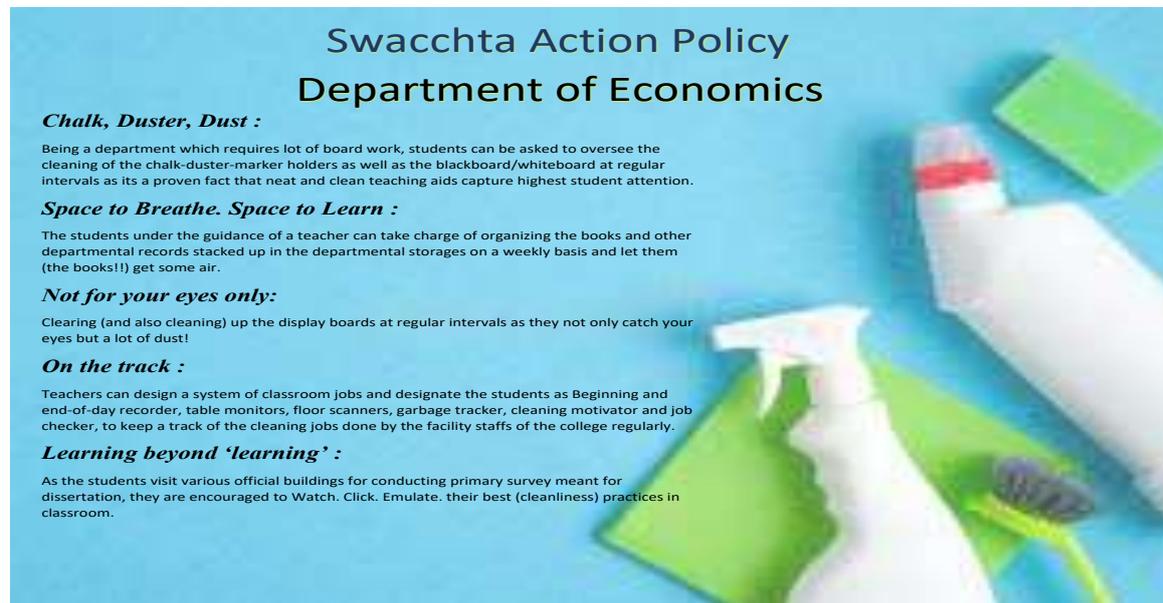
Whatever recyclable waste is collected at the end of the month will be donated to an NGO that can upcycle it.

2. **Street Play:** There will be a street play organized by the students of the department every year on the importance of having a clean and green environment and its psychological implications.

3. **Classroom Plants:** Another addition to classrooms would be displaying of endangered and endemic plants that the students of department will pool in money for and take care of.

## Department of Economics

The Swachhta Policy initiatives of the Department of Economics



**Swachhta Action Policy**  
**Department of Economics**

**Chalk, Duster, Dust :**  
Being a department which requires lot of board work, students can be asked to oversee the cleaning of the chalk-duster-marker holders as well as the blackboard/whiteboard at regular intervals as its a proven fact that neat and clean teaching aids capture highest student attention.

**Space to Breathe. Space to Learn :**  
The students under the guidance of a teacher can take charge of organizing the books and other departmental records stacked up in the departmental storages on a weekly basis and let them (the books!!) get some air.

**Not for your eyes only:**  
Clearing (and also cleaning) up the display boards at regular intervals as they not only catch your eyes but a lot of dust!

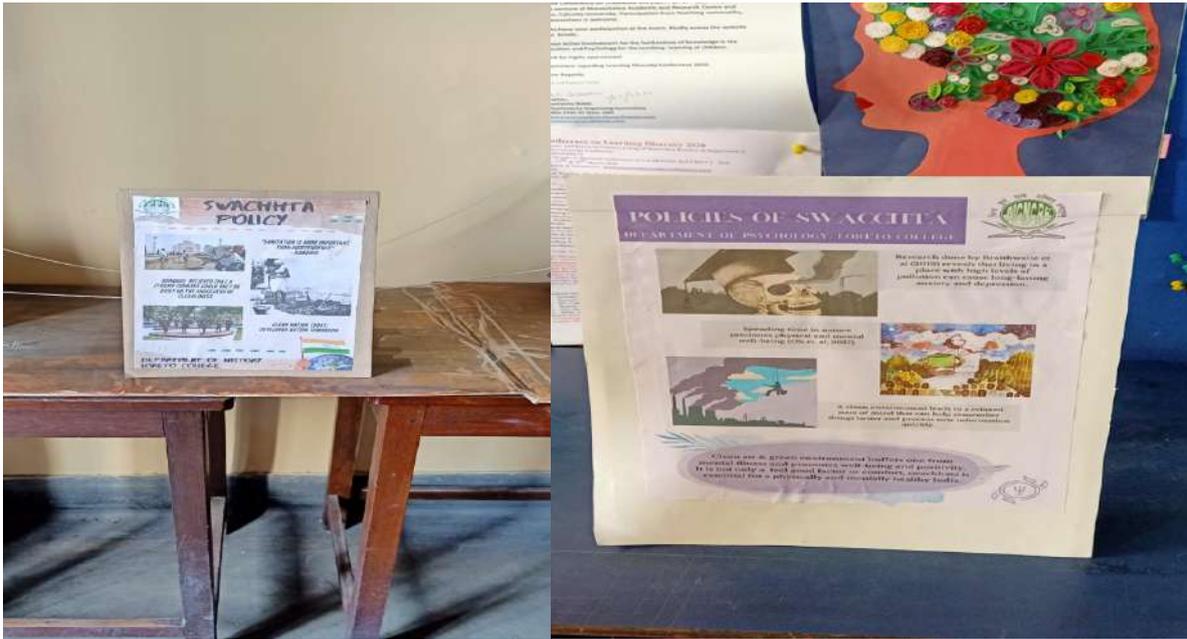
**On the track :**  
Teachers can design a system of classroom jobs and designate the students as Beginning and end-of-day recorder, table monitors, floor scanners, garbage tracker, cleaning motivator and job checker, to keep a track of the cleaning jobs done by the facility staffs of the college regularly.

**Learning beyond 'learning' :**  
As the students visit various official buildings for conducting primary survey meant for dissertation, they are encouraged to Watch. Click. Emulate. their best (cleanliness) practices in classroom.

### Department-wise Swachhta Policy and Student Participation in Preparation of Signages

Keeping in mind the covid situation and that all educational institutions are following online remote teaching, students of the department of Economics, Geography, History, Education and Psychology did their best while they participated in the activity. The Library department too participated in framing its Swachhta Policy. To make the event successful students went to college to keep the signages in each of the department and to take Swachhta Pledge.



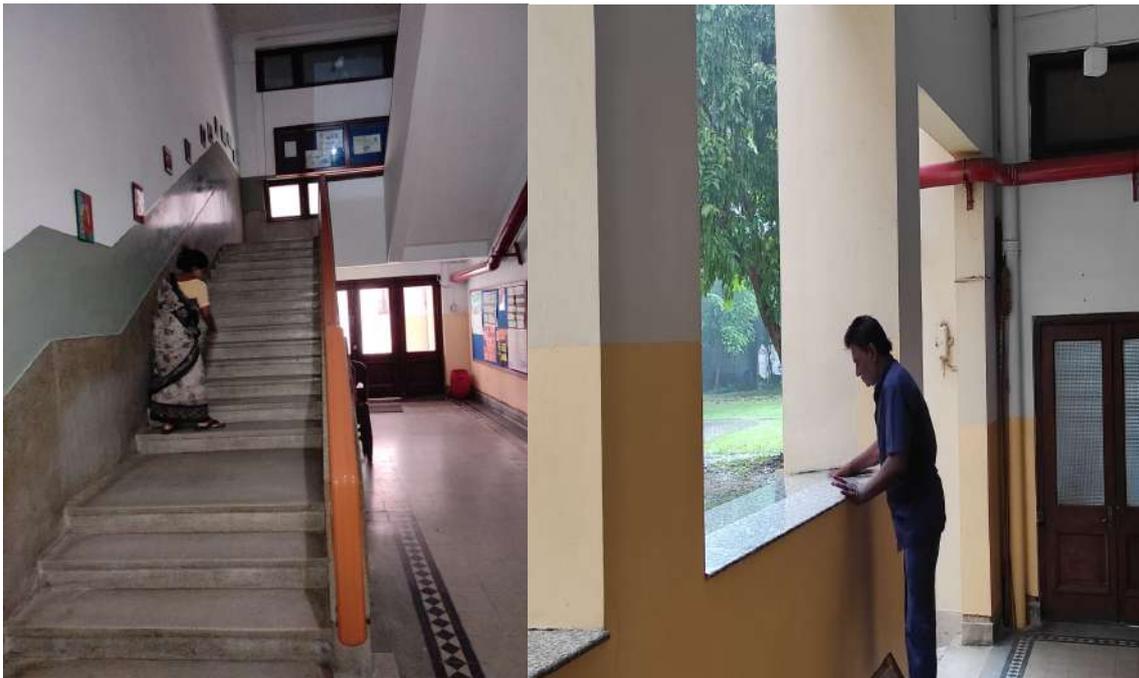


**Swachhta Pledge:** Later students with the Principal of the College, Sr. Dr. Christine Coutinho participated in the Swachhta Pledge with much enthusiasm.



### **Involvement of Non-Teaching Staff in Swachhta Activities**

Keeping in mind the covid situation and that the teachers are engaged in online teaching activities from home the following swachhta activities (also which are regular activities in college) by non-teaching and library staff have been portrayed below.





**Messages for the Need of Swachhta**

⇒ *The Earth is our Home*  
*Everyone loves a clean safe Home*  
*Take care of the Earth*  
*Just as it has taken care of Us*

⇒ *Sanitation is more important than Independence*  
*Mahatma Gandhi*

⇒ *Lets Work for a Cleaner and Greener India to Boost the Economy*

*All the activities shown here have been done by the students, non-teaching and the support staff.*

*Thank you.*