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**MoES launched Swachhata Pakhwara program under the Swachh Bharat Mission from 1-15 July 2020**

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The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) and Ministry of Jal Shakti (Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and Water Resources) have introduced a " Swachhta Pakhwada " in all ministries and departments of the Government of India with a vision for mainstream sanitation activities. The attached, sub-ordinate, and autonomous offices under the administrative control of the MoES and have been actively participating in this national mission since its inception. MOES is observing the first fortnight of it from 1–15 July 2020.



The National Center for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) has actively participated in the Swachh Bharat Mission over the years and has organized various programs such as walkathons, donation of cleaning items to schools, competition for

school children etc. to spread the message of Swachhta and have planned several activities during Swachhata Pakhwada in the current year.

The mission objectives are to eradicate open defecation, efficient management of solid and liquid waste, encourage cost-effective and appropriate technologies for ecologically safe and sustainable sanitation, overall cleanliness and to create a significant positive impact on gender and promote social inclusion by improving sanitation standard.