

Ministry of Education reinforces commitment to Swachhata under Special Campaign 5.0

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The Ministry of Education has reinforced Special Campaign 5.0 in the mission mode, marking the fifth consecutive year of the cleanliness and efficiency drive aimed at promoting Swachhata and minimizing pendency across its offices and institutions. The campaign, which commenced on 2nd October 2025 with a focus on ensuring cleanliness, optimal space utilization, and effective disposal of pending matters, in line with the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to institutionalize Swachhata in government functioning.

While interacting with media, Joint Secretary (Higher Education) and Nodal Officer for Special Campaign 5.0, Smt. Rina Sonowal Kouli highlighted the Ministry's key achievements under the campaign, including the freeing of 14 lakh sq. ft. of office space and the generation of Rs. 6.8 crore through efficient scrap disposal. She stated that the campaign has played a pivotal role in fostering behavioral change and consistently upholding higher standards of cleanliness across offices. She further emphasized that in line with the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the initiative has brought about significant improvement in the functioning of all institutions and autonomous bodies under the Ministry.

Key Achievements of Department of Higher Education under Special Campaign 5.0:

- **Cleanliness Drives:** 893 campaigns were conducted by institutions and universities.
- **Space Freed:** 14,19,245 square feet of office space was reclaimed.
- **Revenue Generation:** ₹6.18 crore was generated from scrap disposal, surpassing the previous year.

File Review:

- **Physical:** 86.68% (1,79,926 out of 2,07,574) files were reviewed.
- **Electronic:** 85.34% (61,059 out of 71,544) e-files were reviewed.
- **Digitization:** Over 3,312 files were digitized.
- **Vehicle Auction:** 11 old vehicles (9 four-wheelers, 2 two-wheelers) are being auctioned, which will generate additional revenue. Rupees 6.18 crore revenue has been generated from Scrap Disposal so far surpassing the previous year campaign.
- Pendency of the various references has been reduced.

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