As a part of the “Swachhta Hi Seva” Campaign the following activities were organized by the Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee, ENVIS Centre, Puducherry and the Forest and Wildlife Department of Puducherry on 28.09.2017 during the visit of Smt. Rita Khanna, Director and Shri. N. Subrhamanyam, Dy. Director from MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

**Green Pledge:**

The Green Pledge in English and in Tamil language was taken up by a large gathering of Government staffs, officials and volunteers who gathered in the Oussudu Bird Sanctuary for cleanup activities. Smt. Rita Khanna, Director MoEF&CC read the Green Pledge and the others repeated it. Shri. G. Kumar, Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Shri. G. Sathiyamoorthy, I.F.S., Dy. Conservator of Forests and M. Dwarakanath, Director, Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Puducherry along with officials of DSTE & PPCC was present.


Clean-up activities:

i) **Cleaning of Protected Areas / Lakes:**

Massive Cleanup Programme was organized by the Forest and Wild Life Department and Department of Science, Technology and Environment in the Ousteri Lake. The Lake is situated about 10 kms from Puducherry town and it is protected Bird Sanctuary. The lake sprawls about 390 hectares area and supports a variety of flora and fauna including several varieties of migratory Birds. During the one day cleaning program, the staffs of the Forest Department, volunteers from NGOs and officials removed the plastic and other trash around the lake and the wastes collected were handed over to Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Site.
ii) **Cleaning of Market areas (Sanmugapuram Market):**

A Clean-up programme was organized in the Sanmugapuram Market area by the Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee and Forest and Wild Life Department along with the staffs and workers of the Oulgaret Municipality and Swatchada Corporation.
iii) **Cleaning of Market areas (Lawspet Market):**

A Clean-up programme was organized in the Lawspet Market called as ‘Uzhavar Sandhai’ or ‘Farmers Market’ where farmers directly sell their produce like fruits and vegetables without any middle men. The programme was organized by Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee and Forest and Wild Life Department along with the staffs and workers of the Oulgaret Municipality and Swatchada Corporation with voluntary participation of the Market Vendors.
iv) Cleaning of Coastal Areas

A massive coastal Clean-up Campaign was organized by the Government of Puducherry during the International Coastal Cleanup Day “2017” event organized on 16.09.2017. The Event was inaugurated by Hon’ble Chief Minister, Hon’ble Minister for Science, Technology and Environment and Hon’ble Minister for Education participated. Massive Cleanup activities were carried out along the beaches of Puducherry and Karaikal regions with involvement of all Government Departments, Coast Guard and Volunteers from NSS, NCC and other NGOs. The litters around the beach were collected and disposed it through the Municipality.
v) **Cleaning of Office Building:**

The Cleaning-up of the Office Building of DST&E, PPCC was carried out on 17th and 18th September 2017. During the visit of Officials from MoEF&CC on 28.09.2017, being ‘Saraswathi Pooja’ occasion, minor cleaning works and decoration of the office was done and a grand pooja was conducted as per traditional practice.
Tree Plantation:

In continuation of the Tree Plantation activities being carried out in Ousuteri Bird Sanctuary about 50 Tree Saplings were planted during the visit of the Officials from the MoEF&CC on 28.09.2017.
Swachhta Hi Seva activities in DSTE, Puducherry by the staff
SWACHHTA HI SEVA ACTIVITIES @ REGIONAL OFFICE, KARAIKAL

Watering the garden

In-House Cleaning

Cleaning Garden
SWACHHTA HI SEVA ACTIVITIES at Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Science Centre & Planetarium, Puducherry.

Cleaning of Plan area @ Planetarium
SWACHHTA HI SEVA ACTIVITIES at LABORATORY, Mettupalyam, Puducherry

Cleaning of Lab Equipments @ Mettupalayam Laboratory, Puducherry

SWACHHTHA HI SEVA RELATED ACTIVITIES BY NSS