

### **District Child Protection Unit Kargil concludes "Swachhta Pakhwada" under Mission Vatsalya**

Kargil, March 15, 2025: The District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Kargil, successfully conducted the "Swachhta Pakhwada" program from March 1 to March 15, under the banner of Mission Vatsalya.

The initiative was implemented across various Child Care Institutions (CCIs) in Kargil with the objective of promoting awareness about cleanliness, hygiene, and the importance of a healthy environment among children.

Throughout the fortnight-long program, various activities were organized, including cleanliness drives, hygiene awareness sessions, interactive workshops, and community engagement programs. Children residing in CCIs actively participated in these initiatives, learning about personal hygiene, proper waste management, and the significance of maintaining clean surroundings. Special emphasis was placed on inculcating long-term habits that contribute to a cleaner and healthier lifestyle.

During the closing ceremony of Swachhta Pakhwada, Abdul Hadi the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO), Kargil, along with Habibullah Rizwani the Protection Officer (Institutional Care), distributed Swachhta Kits among the children of Bal Ashram and other CCIs to ensuring that the children have access to basic hygiene essentials in their daily lives.

Addressing the gathering, Abdul Hadi, District Child Protection Officer, Kargil, emphasized the importance of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and its relevance to child welfare. He urged children and caregivers to adopt cleanliness as a daily practice and spread awareness within their communities. He highlighted that cleanliness is not only a personal responsibility but also a collective effort that contributes to a healthier society.

The success of Swachhta Pakhwada was made possible with the dedicated efforts of DCPU staff, child care institution authorities, and the enthusiastic participation of children. The initiative reflects the commitment of the District Administration and Mission Vatsalya towards ensuring a safe, clean, and nurturing environment for children in institutional care.

Habibullah Rizwani Protection Officer Institutional Care of District Child Protection Unit, Kargil, reaffirmed its dedication to promoting child welfare and pledged to continue such initiatives in the future to foster better living conditions for children under its care.



