

Headline: ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad Commemorates Swachhata Pakhwada with Solemn Pledge

Sub-headline: Swachhata Pakhwada Pledge - 16th December 2025

The ICAR–Indian Institute of Rice Research (ICAR-IIRR), Hyderabad, formally launched **Swachhata Pakhwada (16-31 December 2025) on 16th December 2025** with a unifying ceremony reinforcing the commitment to cleanliness, sanitation and a healthy environment.

The programme began with the **Director, Dr. R. M. Sundaram, administering the Swachhata Pledge in English**, inspiring all participants to reaffirm their commitment to cleanliness, civic responsibility, and national well-being. Scientists, technical and administrative staff, supporting and contractual personnel, along with students, participated enthusiastically, reciting the pledge collectively and reflecting a shared sense of purpose.

The pledge-taking continued with **Shri Shitanshu Kumar, Chief Administrative Officer**, guiding the assembly through **the Swachhata Pledge in Hindi**, reaffirming the commitment of the gathering towards cleanliness and civic duty.

The solemn ceremony set a reflective, disciplined and motivating participants to uphold the principles of cleanliness and sustainability in their professional and personal lives. The event was efficiently coordinated by **Dr. V. Chinna Babu Naik and his team**, ensuring smooth conduct and active participation.

