

# **CELEBRATIONS**

**OF**

**SWACHHTA PAKHWADAS-(FORTNIGHTS) 16- 30 November, 2016**

**PANJAB UNIVERSITY REGIONAL CENTRE, LUDHIANA**

**AMRITA SHERGIL GIRLS' HOSTEL**

**World Toilet Day-19 November, 2016**

**Celebrated on 17 November, 2016**

As part of the Swachhta Pakhwadas (fortnights) on account of the 2nd anniversary of launch of Swachh Bharat Mission(urban), Amrita Shergil Girls' Hostel organized a Toilet Cleanliness Drive to commemorate World Toilet Day of 19 November. The event was organized on November 17, 2016 in the hostel. The Secretary of the Cleanliness Committee of the hostel along with members of her team delivered a talk to the residents on the importance of toilet hygiene. They stressed upon the fact that toilet hygiene was a very simple way of preventing infections and this habit would go a long way to the contribution of a healthy society. Proper use of toilets was the first step of toilet hygiene as all the onus of cleanliness of toilets cannot be put entirely on cleaners. The importance of this was emphasized in order to sensitize the residents towards the responsible use of toilets. All the residents of the hostel were told about the importance of maintaining toilet hygiene as a matter of both personal concern and community care. The cleaner was also told about the importance of toilet cleanliness for the overall health of the residents. After the talk, the toilets were cleaned in a deliberate manner and the effort in the future would be to follow the regimen in a similar rigorous manner.

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