REPORT

Cleanliness Drive around Manibugh Wetland

Continuing the ongoing nationwide program on SEWA PARV, the Pampore Block of Wetlands Division Kashmir in collaboration with Government Degree College Pampore, FPF and NGO WCF, organized a special cleanliness drive around the Manibugh Wetland on 20-09-2025.

The program witnessed the active participation of desirous and enthusiastic students of GDC Pampore, who came forward with great zeal and commitment to contribute towards the noble cause of environmental conservation.

At the outset, an awareness session was conducted wherein the significance of wetlands was highlighted. The officers of the Wetlands Division Pampore sensitized the students about the vital role wetlands play in maintaining ecological balance, groundwater recharge, biodiversity conservation, flood mitigation and their importance as habitats for migratory birds was also emphasized, underlining its aim to instil the spirit of voluntary service, environmental stewardship, and community participation.

Following the awareness session, the participants actively engaged in the cleanliness drive. The drive focused on removing plastic waste, polythene, and other solid waste materials around the Manibugh Wetland. The students, along with staff members and



volunteers, displayed great enthusiasm while carrying out the task and took a pledge to spread awareness among their peers and community members regarding the harmful impacts of littering on wetland ecosystems.

This joint initiative proved to be a valuable step in not only cleaning the wetland but also in inspiring the younger generation to become responsible custodians of nature. The collaboration between the Wetlands Division, GDC Pampore, and NGO WCF stands as a remarkable example of how coordinated efforts can make a significant difference in conserving our natural resources.

The program concluded with words of encouragement from the Wildlife department, who appreciated the students for their active involvement and reiterated the need for sustained efforts to preserve the fragile wetland ecosystems of Kashmir.

In essence, the cleanliness drive at Manibugh Wetland under the banner of SEWA PARV was a successful event that combined awareness, action, and community participation towards safeguarding the invaluable wetlands of the region.