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FOREWORD BY CHAIRPERSON

The quarter July 2024 – September 2024 highlights several key initiatives, collaborations and events that underscore the WDRA's commitment to innovation, sustainability, and community engagement.

As part of its activities to promote use of eNWRs, WDRA signed MoUs with Indian Bank to enhance collaboration in warehousing receipt finance. The Authority worked on registering new warehouses, ensuring compliance with the regulatory framework, and promoting the adoption of warehouse receipts for financing

WDRA did not lag behind in activities beyond warehousing and pledge financing either. As part of its commitment to environmental sustainability, WDRA participated in the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam tree-planting initiative and organized multiple activities for Swachhata Pakhwada including a Slogan Writing Competition and awareness campaigns on sanitary pad usage at a government girls' school. A special cleanliness drive was undertaken at the NCUI Campus, followed by a community cleanliness drive in collaboration with MCD at Hauz Khas Market. Dustbins were installed at the office and glass bottles were distributed to staff to reduce plastic usage. Safety gear was provided to Safai Mitras in WDRA as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign. Furthermore, WDRA observed Hindi Pakhwada and celebrated Hindi Divas to promote the use of Hindi within the organization.

Besides these activities, in the month of June 2024, the participants at the Logi Voices Vikshit Bharat @ 2047 conference organized by the Indian Chambers of Commerce were addressed which focused on India's logistics and warehousing future. A workshop on Unleashing India's Agribusiness Potential through Innovative Agri-Value Chain Financing (AVCF) was also addressed. These efforts were part of WDRA's ongoing commitment to strengthening the warehousing infrastructure, improving the regulatory environment, and enhancing financial inclusion in the agribusiness value chain.

**(T K Manoj Kumar),
Chairperson, WDRA**

CHAPTER 1:

Reaching out to Our Stakeholders

WDR A continued to actively reach out to its stakeholders in the period under report through seminars, conferences and outreach programs such as farmers awareness programs.

A. National Conferences and Programmes:

(i) Logi Voices Vikshit Bharat conference

Shri T K Manoj Kumar, Chairperson, WDR A addressed the participants in a conference of Logi Voices Vikshit Bharat @ 2047 organised by Indian Chambers of Commerce on 28.06.2024 at Le Meridien, New Delhi.

During his address, Chairman, WDR A, emphasized the measures for improvement of digitization and standardization in warehousing sector.



(ii) Workshop on "Unleashing India's Agribusiness Potential through Innovative Agri-Value Chain Financing (AVCF)"

Shri Dheeraj Sahu, Joint Secretary, WDR A spoke as a panelist in a workshop on "Unleashing India's Agribusiness Potential through Innovative Agri-Value Chain Financing (AVCF)" organized by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India held in New Delhi on 27.06.2024. Shri Sahu focused on the work being done by WDR A in unlocking synergies in agri-value chain financing.



The workshop organized by DA&FW was attended by key stakeholders including experts from academia, industry, financing agencies, facilitating agencies and the Government of India.

B. Signing of MoUs

(i) Signing of MoUs between WDR A and Indian Bank:

WDR A and Indian Bank exchanged MoU to promote pledge finance against e-NWRs in the country on 19.08.2024 at WDR A Office, NCUI Building, August Kranti Marg, Hauz Khas, New Delhi. This MoU will facilitate farmers and traders in getting loans with no additional collateral at attractive rates of interest.

An MoU was exchanged between Shri T K Manoj Kumar, Chairperson, WDRA and Shri Bijay Kumar Sarangi, General Manager, Indian Bank in the presence of Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA, Shri Naveen Barolia, Deputy Director(M&C), Shri Sai Pradeep, Assistant Director(SAO), WDRA, Shri Waseem Ahmad, DGM, Indian Bank and other officers of WDRA.



C. Outreach Programmes:

Many outreach programmes were conducted all over India to disseminate the information about WDRA far and wide. Glimpse of few are given below: -



MEDIA AWARENESS RELATED TO AWARENESS PROGRAMS (I.E. FARMERS AWARENESS POGRAM, WAREHOUSEMEN TRAINING PROGRAM AND ASSAYING TRAINING PROGRAM CONDUCTED FROM JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2024)

(i) Assaying Training Programme conducted from 11.09.2024 to 13.09.2024 at Convention Center, CCS Niam Jaipur, Rajasthan. 27 Warehouse Representatives were benefited by this programme.



(ii) Assaying Training Programme conducted from 28.08.2024 to 30.08.2024 at Convention Center, CCS Niam Jaipur, Rajasthan. 15 Warehouse Representatives were benefited by this programme.



(iii) Farmers Awareness Programme conducted on 30.07.2024 at CWC Nadiad Kheda by ICM Guwahati. Around 50 farmers were benefited by this programme.



(iv) Farmers Awareness Programme conducted on 11.09.2024 at Belabala Vikash Nagar by ICM Dehradun. Around 50 farmers were benefited by this programme.



(v) Farmers Awareness Programme conducted on 26.09.2024 at Polpully Service Cooperative Bank, of Palakkad district of Kerala by ICM Kannur. Around 50 farmers were benefited by this programme.

CHAPTER II: Significant achievements

(i) Warehouses Registrations

Between July and September 2024, WDRA successfully registered 300 warehouses across India. This achievement continues to advance WDRA's mission of improving storage standards, fostering transparency, and stimulating growth in the warehousing sector, ultimately benefiting both agricultural and commercial stakeholders.

(ii) Pledge Finance against eNWRs

During this period, WDRA enabled pledge loans worth Rs. 895.65 crores through electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (e-NWRs). This figure reflects the ongoing expansion and increasing confidence of financial institutions in the e-NWR system, regulated by WDRA.

(iii) Awareness, Training and Outreach Programmes

During the period, WDRA organized 53 Farmers' Awareness Programmes (FAP), 04 Assayers Training Programmes (ATP), and 06 Warehousemen Training Programmes (WTP). These initiatives were aimed at enhancing awareness, providing training and reaching out to key stakeholders in the warehousing and agricultural sectors.

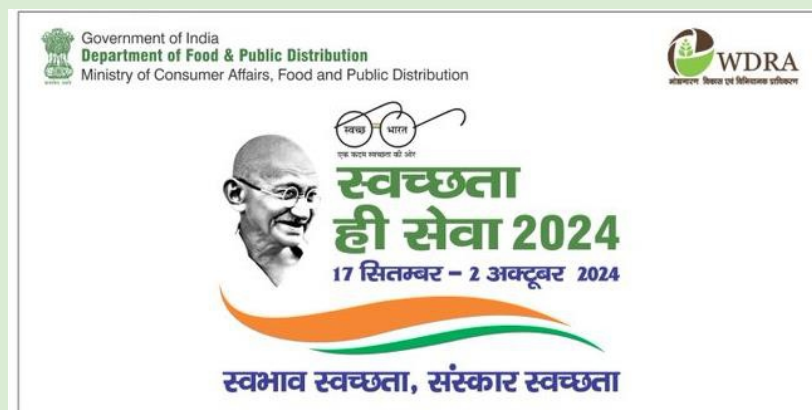
CHAPTER III : Celebrations in WDRA

Sometimes, WDRA looks up from its official duties to appreciate diverse issues such as cleanliness and planting trees. These are important matters as they contribute to the well-being of our staff members. Some such activities during the period are documented here.

(i) Swachhata Pakhwada

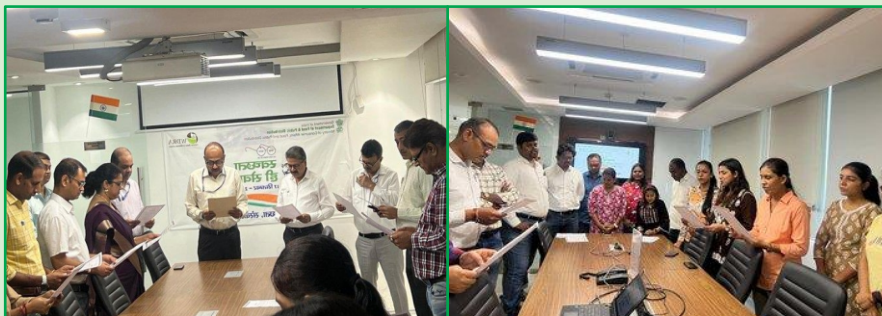
Cleanliness, they say is next only to godliness. WDRA takes this aspect of life very seriously and arguably has one of the cleanest public offices in India. WDRA has also never lagged behind in actively participating in the Swachh Bharat Programme, as the following items will show.

Swachhata Hi Seva campaign was celebrated in WDRA from 15.09.2024 to 02.10.2024. Many activities were conducted and all officials and staff participated enthusiastically.



**Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority begins #SwachhataHiSeva 2024!
Embracing Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskar Swachhata for a cleaner, greener tomorrow.**

WDRA joins the nation in observing Swachhata Hi Seva 2024. All officials have pledged to promote cleanliness, hygiene, and sanitation in their daily lives and work.



WDRA participated in the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative by planting trees, reinforcing our commitment to environmental sustainability.

Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) organized a workshop on 18.09.2024 to promote awareness and sensitize officials towards swachhata (cleanliness) as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 initiative.



WDRA organized an Essay Writing Competition on "Swachhata" on 19.09.2024 for the officials of WDRA as a part of Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 initiative.



On 20.09.2024 Slogan Writing Competition on "Swachhata" and Awareness Campaign regarding use of sanitary pads in Government Girls School and its distribution was organized by WDRA officers on the occasion of Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 Campaign.



During the observance of Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 campaign, a special cleanliness drive was undertaken on 23.09.2024 for intensive cleaning of the outside area of WDRA's office premises in the NCUI Campus.



After Cleanliness Drive, refreshments were distributed among Safai Karamcharis of MCD.



WDRB organized a Cleanliness Drive in collaboration with Kamal Bhardwaj, MCD Counselor with safai karamcharis at Hauz Khas Market on 25.09.2024 as a part of Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 Campaign .



Dustbins were installed in WDRB's office premises on 25.09.2024 as a part of Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 Campaign.



Glass bottles were distributed among WDRB staff to reduce the usage of plastic.



Safety Gears were distributed to Safayi Mitras in WDR A as a part of Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 Campaign.



WDR A organized closing ceremony of Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 Campaign on 03.10.2024. Prizes were distributed in Essay Writing Competition. Cleaning Staff was also awarded.



WDR A conducted Special Campaign 4.0. Area outside Mini Conference Hall was cleaned and rearranged on 08.10.2024.

(ii) RAJBHASHA**Hindi Pakhwada and Hindi Divas**

दिनांक 14.09.2024 को श्री टी. के. मनोज कुमार, अध्यक्ष की उपस्थिति में भांडागारण विकास एवं विनियामक प्राधिकरण में ऑफिस का काम अधिक से अधिक हिन्दी में करने तथा हिंदी का प्रयोग, प्रचार और प्रसार बढ़ाने की प्रतिज्ञा ली गई।

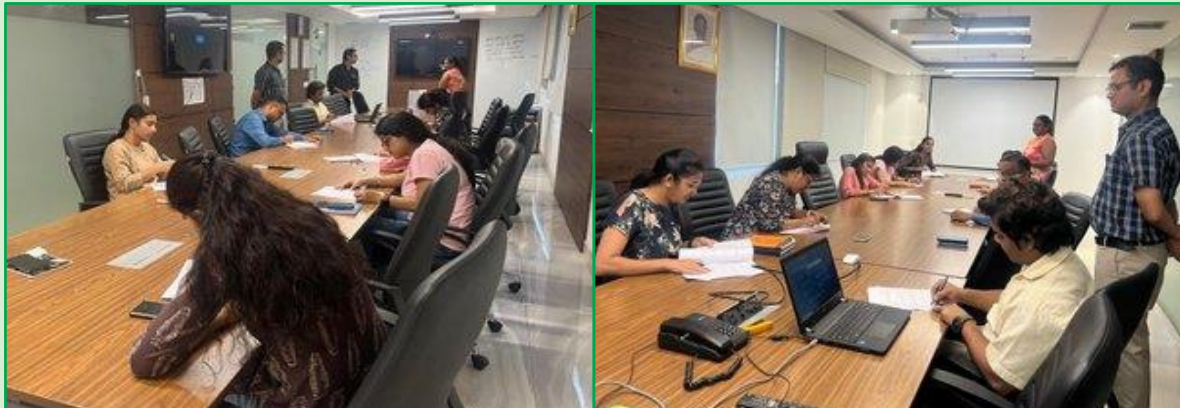


दिनांक 19.09.2024 को डब्ल्यूडीआरए में हिन्दी पखवाड़ा के उपलक्ष्य से "हिन्दी में नोटिंग और ड्राफ्टिंग" से संबन्धित कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें प्राधिकरण में कार्यरत अधिकारी एवं कर्मचारियों ने उत्साहपूर्वक कार्यशाला में सम्मिलित हुए।



दिनांक 20.09.2024 को डब्ल्यूडीआरए में हिन्दी पखवाड़ा के उपलक्ष्य से अनुवाद व शुद्ध लेखा पर प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें प्राधिकरण में कार्यरत अधिकारियों एवं कर्मचारियों ने उत्साहपूर्वक प्रतियोगिता में सम्मिलित हुए।

दिनांक 20.09.2024 को डब्ल्यूडीआरए में हिन्दी पखवाड़ा के उपलक्ष्य से "निबंध लेखन प्रतियोगिता" का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें प्राधिकरण में कार्यरत अधिकारी एवं कर्मचारियों ने उत्साहपूर्वक कार्यशाला में सम्मिलित हुए।



दिनांक 26.09.2024 को डब्ल्यूडीआरए में हिन्दी पखवाड़ा के उपलक्ष्य से "हिंदी प्रश्नोत्तरी प्रतियोगिता" का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें प्राधिकरण में कार्यरत अधिकारी एवं कर्मचारियों ने उत्साहपूर्वक कार्यशाला में सम्मिलित हुए।



डब्ल्यूडीआरए ने 03.10.2024 को हिंदी पखवाड़ा का समापन समारोह आयोजित किया। प्रतियोगिता की विभिन्न श्रेणियों जैसे हिंदी टिप्पण और प्रारूपण, निबंध लेखन, अनुवाद और शुद्ध लेखा, स्वरचित कविता पाठ, भाषण में विजेताओं को पुरस्कार वितरित किए गए।

MILESTONES:**(i) New Appointments:**

Shri Anirudh Kumar, IRSME, joined WDR A as Joint Secretary on 30th August 2024, after being relieved from the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board).



Dr. Amit Kumar joined WDR A as Under Secretary (Tech) on 12th August 2024, after transitioning from Bharat Immunologicals and Biologicals Corporation Limited.



Shri Bipin Yadav joined WDR A as Assistant Director (Stakeholder Affairs) on 6th August 2024 from the Food Corporation of India (FCI).



Shri Chandra Shekhar Bareth joined WDR A as Section Officer (Administration and Finance) on 19th July 2024, after his relieving from the office of the Joint Commissioner of Income Tax Exemptions in Nagpur.

(ii) Adieu:

Shri Dheeraj Sahu, Joint Secretary, WDR A, was relieved from his position on 30th August 2024 to take on the role of Managing Director at the Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC).



Ms. Navneet Sandhu, Deputy Director (Administration and Finance and Contracts) at WDR A, was relieved from her position on 12th December 2024 at the end of her deputation tenure to re-join her parent office, the Food Corporation of India (FCI).



Shri Neerupal Yadav, Deputy Director (Stakeholders Awareness and Outreach) at WDR A, was relieved on 8th August 2024 at the completion of his deputation tenure to re-join his parent office, the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC).



Shri Sandeep Kumar, Personal Assistant/ Steno, was relieved from his position at WDR A on 10th July 2024 to rejoin his parent office, the Press Council of India.

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