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FOREWORD BY CHAIRPERSON

The period under report saw several activities in WDRA. Some highlights are given below: -

In keeping with its mission to establish a system of negotiable warehouse receipts (NWR) in the country, WDRA continued its outreach programmes with various stakeholders including banks, agricultural universities and others. An important event was WDRA's conference on eNWR Pledge Finance with Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) on 18/08/2023 at New Delhi. RRBs are in direct touch with the agricultural sector and can play an important role in furthering WDRA's objective of increasing rural liquidity by pledge finance through NWRs. WDRA representatives also took part in meetings organized by diverse bodies connected with warehousing including one in Vienna, Austria (40th Session of the Working Group on Warehouse Receipts of UNCITRAL - UN Commission on International Trade Laws held in Vienna on September, 2023). This level of outreach would definitely serve to establish WDRA's image amongst various stakeholders. MoUs to promote eNWR based pledge finance were signed with the Federal Bank and Bank of India. Farmers' Awareness Programme and Warehouseman Training Programme run by WDRA continued unabated.

Another highlight during the period was the celebration of Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) Campaign from 15/09/2023 to 02/10/2023. Not only were the usual activities of cleaning the office and nearby premises done, but WDRA also helped in cleaning the Hauz Khas Market on 01/10/2023 as part of Government's "Ek Tarikh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath" programme. An endearing feature of these activities was the active participation of the children of staff members. Some pictures drawn by them, in this context, can be seen in this volume. No doubt all these activities will serve to knit all personnel in WDRA together as a team to serve the people of India better.

Highlights of WDRA's performance during the period in the fields of registration, pledge finance etc. are given in this volume, as also details of several measures undertaken to streamline the regulation of warehouses.

(T K Manoj Kumar),
Chairperson, WDRA

CHAPTER I: Reaching Out to Our Stakeholders

A regulatory body like WDRA must not live in an ivory tower. It has to be in constant touch with its stakeholders, to spread the message on the benefits of regulation and to better understand ground realities. In this regard, WDRA has been very active during the period under report. Not only did we organise and participate in important conferences, we continued our tradition of directly interacting with farmers and warehousemen through Farmers Awareness Programmes (FAPs) and Warehousemen Training Programs (WTPs) across the country. We also signed MOUs with various banks and agricultural universities to diversify and widen our network. These activities are detailed below:

A. National Conferences:

(i) WDRA's Conference on e-NWR based Pledge Finance with Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) on 18th August, 2023 at New Delhi



A view of the conference with RRBs

WDRA organised a Conference on e-NWR based Pledge Finance with Regional Rural Banks on 18.08.2023 at New Delhi. The objective of the conference was to create awareness amongst the RRBs about the benefits of the WDRA eco-system and persuade them to extend pledge finance against e-NWRs.



Shri Faiz Ahmed Kidwai, AS, DAFW & Shri T K Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA at the conference with RRBs

Shri Faiz Ahmed Kidwai, Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Ms. N Neerja, CGM, NABARD graced the event.

Shri T K Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA, Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA and Shri Arun Kumar Shrivastava, Member, WDRA highlighted various aspects of the process of extending pledge finance against e-NWR through Regional Rural Banks across the

country. In the welcome address, Shri Dheeraj Sahu, Joint Secretary, WDRA lauded the role of RRBs in the progress of rural banking in India. Shri Sai Pradeep AD (SAO), WDRA made a detailed presentation on the WDRA ecosystem. Chairpersons/Senior Representatives of Regional Rural Banks, Government Organizations, Public Sector Banks, Industry Associations, DFPD and Repositories attended the conference.

(ii) Global SME Finance Forum meet on 13th Sep, 2023 at Mumbai

WDRA participated in the Global SME Finance Forum meet in Mumbai on 13.09.2023. The program was held as a side event of the G20 Presidency of India and had the theme of "Digital Ecosystems and the Future of SME Finance". Represented by Joint Secretary Shri Dheeraj Sahu, WDRA took part in the breakout session on "Ecosystem for Supply Chain". The other panelists included banks and digital finance firms from Hong Kong, the Philippines and India.



Shri Dheeraj Sahu, JS, WDRA at the Global SME Forum

(iii) 17th Annual Conference on Logistics Infrastructure

At the 17th Annual Conference on Logistics Infrastructure organised by India Infrastructure Publishing Pvt. Ltd on 14.07.2023 in New Delhi, Ms. Navneet Sandhu, Deputy Director (A&F, C), WDRA gave a presentation on "WDRA's perspective on Warehousing Infrastructure". During the session, issues related to emerging market trends, challenges, growth drivers and sustainable initiatives were discussed.



Ms. Navneet Sandhu, DD (A&F,C), WDRA speaking at the Logistics Conference

B. International Conferences:

Session on Warehouse Receipts in Vienna



Shri Dheeraj Sahu, JS, WDRA at the UNCITRAL Conference, Vienna

Shri Dheeraj Sahu, Joint Secretary, WDRA represented India in the 40th Session of the Working Group on Warehouse Receipts of UNCITRAL - UN Commission on International Trade Laws held in Vienna in September 2023. The session was attended by 25+ countries. Shri Dheeraj Sahu shared the experience of Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority, Government of India and suggested improvements in the Model Law on warehouse receipts drafted by UNCITRAL with the help of UNIDROIT.

C. Signing of MoUs

(i) Signing of MoUs between WDRA and Agriculture Universities:

For conducting awareness and training programmes of WDRA for farmers, FPOs, traders, millers, warehouseman, assayers, etc., WDRA signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with agriculture universities.

In the period April to September 2023, MoUs were signed with Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture & Technology (Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh), Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (Raipur, Chattisgarh), Kerala Agricultural University (Thrissur, Kerala), G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology (Pantnagar, Uttarakhand) and Bihar Agricultural University (Bhagalpur, Bihar).

(ii) Signing of MoUs between WDRA and Banks:

WDRA signed MoUs with the Federal Bank in July 2023 and with the Bank of India in September 2023 to promote pledge finance against e-NWRs in the country. The MoUs will facilitate farmers and traders in providing attractive interest rate loans with no additional collateral.

(a) MoU between WDRA and Federal Bank



WDRA and Federal Bank exchanged an MoU on 18.07.2023. The MoU was exchanged between Shri T K Manoj Kumar, Chairperson, WDRA and Shri Harsh Dugar, Executive Director, Federal Bank in the presence of Shri M K Jain, Member, Shri A K Shrivastava, Member, Shri Dheeraj Sahu, JS, WDRA and other senior officers of WDRA and Federal Bank.

b) MoU between WDRA and Bank of India



WDRA and Bank of India (BoI) exchanged an MoU on 27.09.2023. The MoU was exchanged between Shri T K Manoj Kumar, Chairperson, WDRA and Shri Rajneesh Karnatak, MD & CEO, Bank of India (BoI) in the presence of Shri M Karthikeyan, Executive Director, BoI and other senior officers of BoI and WDRA.

D. Awareness through Media

A 60 second video spot on WDRA was telecast twice daily on every alternate day from 04.08.2023 up to 01.09.2023 in Hindi and other Regional Languages on DD News, DD Kisan, DD Chandna, DD Sahyadri, DD Bangla, DD Oriya, DD Podhigai, DD Saptagiri and DD Arunprabha.

The video was also telecast on the occasion of Independence Day on 15.08.2023 on DD National, DD News, DD India, DD Kisan and DD Bharati.

In DD Malayalam, DD Punjabi, DD Girnar and DD Assam channels, the video was telecast twice daily on every alternate day from 21.09.2023 and up to 19.10.2023.

E. Outreach Programmes:

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



An **outreach programme** was organised by the Department of Horticulture Planning and Marketing, Government of **Jammu and Kashmir** on 28.08.2023 at Jammu under the guidance of Shri Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, in collaboration with WDRA.

Shri Arun Kumar Shrivastava, Member, WDRA informed the stakeholders about the advantages of registration of warehouses and emphasized that the WDRA registered warehouse shall act as a vibrant tool of trade and loan.

पुढारी

अन्नधान्यांचा प्रत्येक कण वाचविणे आवश्यक

वखार नियामक प्राधिकरणाचे सदस्य अरुणकुमार श्रीवास्तव यांचे मत

पुणे : पुढारी न्यूसेस
आजकाल पाकळीवरील विविध निर्यात पदार्थांमुळे अन्नधान्य उत्पादन व पुरवठाधार विपरीत परिणाम झालेला आहे. त्याविरुद्ध आरक्षण प्रत्येक कण वाचविणे आवश्यक असून, वखार विकास आणि नियामक प्राधिकरणांतर्गत नोंदणीकृत गोदामांमध्ये साठवणूक करणे गरजेचे झाल्याचे मत केंद्र सरकारच्या वखार विकास आणि नियामक प्राधिकरणाचे सदस्य अरुणकुमार श्रीवास्तव यांनी व्यक्त केले.

महाराष्ट्र राज्य वखार महामंडळ आणि वखार विकास आणि नियामक प्राधिकरणाच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने सोमवारी (दि. १७) वैकुंठ मेळा

Venue: Vaikunth National Institute

महाराष्ट्र सरकारचे, प्रदीप परावे, स्मार्ट प्रकल्पाचे डायरेक्टर कोटे, विविध बँकांचे आणि रोतकरी उत्पादक कंपन्यांचे व विकास सोसायट्यांचे प्रतिनिधी उपस्थित होते.

सातरे महामंडळ, रोतकऱ्यांना उत्पन्न वाढीची सुविधा निर्माण करण्यासाठी गोदामांची नोंदणी करण्याची आहे. वखार महामंडळाच्या नोंदणी केलेल्या गोदामांचा लाभ रोतकरी, शेतासाल उत्पादक कंपन्या व उत्पादकांनी करता आण गोदाम बांधकामामध्ये चांगला दर मिळणे आवश्यक आहे. तसेच विविध बँकांमार्फत सुलभतेने व कमी वेळेत रोतकऱ्यांना तराण कर्ज उपलब्ध करून देण्याचे आवाहन त्यांनी केले.

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The Maharashtra State Warehousing Corporation, in association with WDRA, organised an **outreach programme** for registration of warehouse (including **Cold Storage/CA Storage**) and familiarization of e-NWR at Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Co-operative Management, Pune, **Maharashtra** on 17.07.2023 which was attended by 300 participants.

Team WDRA headed by Shri Arun Kumar Shrivastava, Member, informed participants about the benefits of registration with WDRA and loaning against e-NWR.



WDRA in association with the Cooperative Department, Uttar Pradesh organised an **outreach programme and workshop** on registration process of warehouses with WDRA on 11.07.2023 in Lucknow, **Uttar Pradesh**. The outreach programme cum workshop was chaired by Shri B.L. Meena, Principal Secretary (Cooperation), Shri Shrikant Goswami, MD, PCU and Shri Ramesh Babu Gupta, MD, UPSWC and was attended by 600 participants including senior officials of Cooperative Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, PACS Secretaries, Officials from Uttar Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation, Registrar of Cooperative Society and farmers. WDRA was represented by Shri H.K. Dabas, Under Secretary (Tech.) and Shri B.P. Yadav (Assistant Director) (Ops.).



WDRA in collaboration with the Institute of Cooperative Management, Hyderabad conducted a one-day **Farmers' Awareness Programme** for farmers at Bairagipatteda, District Tirupati, **Andhra Pradesh** on 26.06.2023. 50 participants attended the programme.



WDRA in collaboration with IGICM, Lucknow conducted a one-day **Farmers' Awareness Programme** for farmers at Etawah, **Uttar Pradesh** on 23.06.2023. 50 participants attended the programme.



WDRA in collaboration with the Regional Institute of Cooperative Management, Bangalore conducted a one-day **Farmers' Awareness Programme** for farmers, traders, mill owners, and FPOs at Hosudi, District Shivamogga, **Karnataka** on 21.06.2023. 55 participants attended the programme.



WDRA in collaboration with Shri Karan Narendra Agriculture University, Jobner (Jaipur) conducted a one-day **Farmers' Awareness Programme** for farmers at KVK Navgaon Alwar (**Rajasthan**) on 05.06.2023. 50 Farmers/representatives of FPOs participated in the programme.



WDRA in collaboration with NIPHM, Hyderabad has conducted one-day **Farmers' Awareness Programme** for Farmers at KVK Jammikunta, District Karimnagar, **Telangana** on 05.06.2023. 50 Farmers/representatives of FPOs participated in the programme.



WDRA in collaboration with ICM, Madurai conducted a one-day **Farmers' Awareness Programme** for Farmers at Perundurai R. S. PACCS, Erode district, **Tamil Nadu** on 23.05.2023. 50 Farmers participated in the programme.



Five days' **Assaying Training Programme** was organised by ICM, Jaipur, Rajasthan for WDRA from 11.09.2023 to 15.09.2023 at Udaipur, **Rajasthan**.



Five days' **Assaying Training Programme** was organised by NIPHM Hyderabad for WDRA from 04.09.2023 to 08.09.2023 at NIPHM, **Hyderabad**.

CHAPTER II: Significant Updates in Regulation

It has been the constant endeavour of WDRA to streamline its regulation and if possible, reduce the regulatory burden on its diverse stakeholders. WDRA also aims to break new ground, like venturing in to the regulation of warehouses storing non-agri commodities, or tries to improve its existing schemes like the Farmers Awareness Programmes. Some of the important measures taken in this respect as well as articles on pledge finance and assaying of commodities written by some of our staff members are given below:

A. Important Steps in Regulation

(i) Notification of Additional Commodities:

WDRA notified three additional agri commodities viz. solvent extracted groundnut oil cake, cane molasses and honey in the Gazette of India on 01.08.2023. Now, depositors can also seek loans from banks against the eNWRs issued on storage of above three commodities in WDRA registered warehouses.

(ii) Rationalisation of Slabs of Minimum Network

The Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD), Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India vide Notification dated 18.09.2023 **rationalized slabs of minimum net worth requirements for registration of warehouses with WDRA as indicated below:**

Storage capacity (in Tons)	Net worth (Rupees in crores)
Upto 500	0.04
501-1,000	0.08
1,001-1,500	0.12
1,501-2,000	0.16
2001 MT and Above Capacity	Capacity in (MT) *Rs. 1000 = Required Net worth* with a maximum cap of Rs. 50 Crores

Note: Where the applicant or warehouseman is a Farmer Producer Organisation or a Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Society or a Self Help Group, the net worth requirement specified in the Table shall not apply, but it shall not have deficit network.

Performance Matters

- 266 warehouses were registered in the month of June, 2023 which is the highest number of registrations in a month by WDRA.
- Valid registration of warehouses in WDRA touched an all-time high of 4704 on 30.09.2023.

- During the financial year 2022-23, 1522 warehouses were registered by WDRA. This was the highest number of registrations done by WDRA in a financial year since inception.

(iii) Steps taken for making Farmers Awareness Programmes [FAPs] more outcome-oriented:

WDRA has been conducting FAPs for a long time now to make farmers aware of the benefits of storing their goods in WDRA registered warehouses, and securing pledge finance for their deposited stocks. It was felt that the programmes should be improved and taken to the next level.

Detailed guidelines have now been issued to training institutes to make programmes more outcome-based. Pre-training and post-training questionnaires have been designed to assess the understanding gained by the participants during the awareness programmes. The questionnaires will be analyzed to find out how attendees benefited from the training. An analytical program report has also been designed that is to be submitted on training outcomes of the programmes. A survey will also be conducted by the training institutes after 3 months of the programmes to ascertain if the participants have used the WDRA ecosystem and benefited from it. Part of the payment to training institutes will be released only after receipt of survey report by WDRA.

Progress towards Registration of Warehouses storing Non-Agricultural Commodities

WDRA made major headway in expanding its role to include non-agri commodities. Subsequent to granting of in-principle approval by the Department of Food & Public Distribution for notification of 9 metals, alloys & ores, a discussion paper was published on 13.09.2021.

Stakeholders such as BIS, SEBI, MCXCCL, NCCL, NERL, CCRL and warehousing entities were consulted and the related SOP & Inspection Guidelines were finalized. Based on the requirements, the proposals for gazette notification of the 9 non-agri commodities and related application fee & networth requirements were formulated.

Simultaneously, efforts for ensuring compatibility of the grades of the notified non-agri commodities specified in International Standards with Indian National Standards published by Bureau of Indian Standards were initiated.

Suitable steps for modifications in WDRA

registration portal for registering non-agri warehouses were also taken up. The gazette notification for storage of 9 non- agricultural commodities in the registered warehouses was later published in July 2022.

The gazette notification for the application fee and net-worth requirement related to the warehouses storing non-agri commodities was published in April 2022. Considering the high value of the non-agricultural commodities, the net worth value requirements were enhanced and for simplification, the total number of slabs based on storage capacity were reduced from 14 to 5. The slabs for the application fee for non- agricultural commodities were also reduced to 3 from 7 slabs for agricultural commodities. Further, the gazette notification for the security deposit for warehouses storing non-agricultural and agricultural plus non-agri commodities together was published.

Discussions have been held with warehousemen and repositories on the roll out of registration of non-agri warehouses and the repository charges on warehousemen.

There is continuous progress towards registration of warehouses storing non-agri commodities.

Shri Mukesh Sinha,
Advisor (Non-Agri), WDRA

Pledge Finance

When farmers harvest their crops, they store it only to sell it in the near future. Typically, they sell it to the intermediaries as they require liquid cash to fund their household. The economic laws ensure that the price is low at this time. The intermediaries buy the produce at a low price and exercise their holding power to sell the same at a time when the prices move up in the market. This holding power needs to be transferred to the farmer.

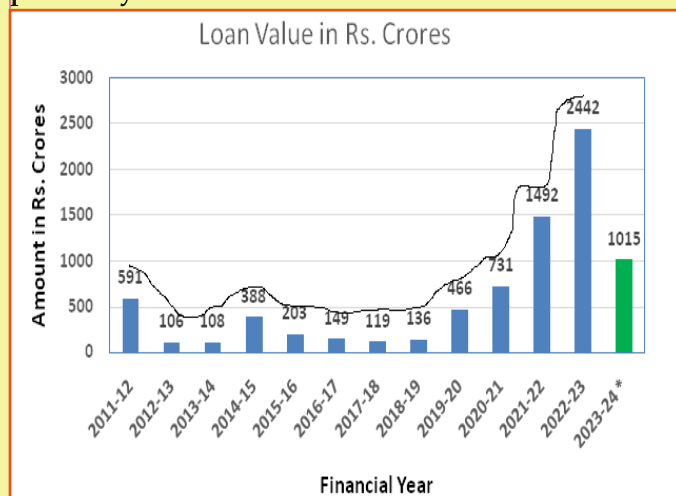
Earlier, the farmer did not have an alternative as the intermediary provided an integrated package to the farmer right from the time of sowing to harvest. Selling the crop in the market will always be subject to better price realisation and cash flow requirements. Considering all the possible constraints of accessing a market, realizing a better price in the market and ultimately ability to offload the entire saleable produce, it becomes extremely difficult for the farmer to manage this immediate cash requirement. Then the farmer looks for a loan for which he/she is ready to pledge the produce. But the lack of access to credit is a severe constraint for many farmers.

To solve this problem, the Government of India enacted the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2007. The Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) was set up by the Government of India to implement the provisions of the W (D&R) Act. One of WDRA's main objectives is to implement the NWR System, which would help farmers to store their produce in scientific warehouses and avail loans from banks against pledge of NWRs. This would save farmers from distress sale during the harvesting season and provide an opportunity for better price discovery for their produce at a later date. To facilitate this, WDRA is engaged in activities like registration of warehouses issuing or intending to issue NWRs, promotion of scientific warehousing, improving fiduciary trust of depositors and banks and enhancing liquidity in rural areas.

WDRA is striving to promote pledge finance against e-NWR among various stakeholders' viz. farmers, traders, banks etc. Presently, e-NWR is the only negotiable warehouse receipt in the country. The W(D&R) Act, 2007, mandates that only WDRA registered warehouses in the country can issue NWRs. Various legal protections are extended to the holders of the instrument. WDRA is mandated to protect the interest of depositors and also to improve fiduciary trust among the stakeholders.

WDRA registered warehouses have issued more than 5 lakh NWR/e-NWRs so far. Several banks are extending pledge loan against e-NWRs and the growth of pledge finance is substantial. During the financial year 2022-2023, pledge finance against e-NWR increased substantially to Rs.2442 crore. This is the highest loan value disbursed in any financial year since WDRA's inception.

Progress of Pledge Finance against NWR/e-NWR in the past few years is as under:-



*up to 30.06.2023

An end-to-end study of WDRA's operations to review the pain points in the growth of e-NWR based pledge financing has been assigned to NABCONS. The study is expected to identify the various obstacles in the growth of e-NWR based pledge financing as well as recommend actionable points and timelines for implementation. This will help us address various issues to popularize e-NWR and expand the ambit of WDRA. NABCONS will complete the study within 6 months.

Shri Naveen Barolia

Deputy Director (Marketing & Credit), WDRA

Assaying of Commodities and WDRA's Assaying Training Programmes

Agriculture is one of the largest and oldest activities in the world. Humans first turned to agriculture as a way to sustain themselves, to grow food for them and their animals. With developments in technology, agriculture also turned into a means of trade wherein agricultural goods were either exchanged directly under the barter system, or traded on monetary terms.

Trade with agricultural commodities is dependent on the art and science of assaying, wherein the quality of a particular lot of agricultural commodities is determined. Assaying is the pivot on which all of agricultural trade depends, as inaccuracies in quality determination directly lead to erroneous valuation of the produce.

As such, the requirement of accurate, scientific and objective assaying is of the utmost importance for agricultural trade to flourish. The methods and equipment involved must be developed based on sound scientific principles, and the assayers must be trained in their respective spheres.

Considering the importance of assaying, WDRA has developed an Assayer Training Program wherein the personnel involved in assaying from the eligible warehouses are trained on topics covering the whole gamut of assaying of agricultural commodities. The program includes both theoretical and practical segments which allow the participants to readily apply these skills in real world settings.

Shri A. Allen Samuel

Assistant Director (Strategy, Risk & Research), WDRA

CHAPTER III: Celebrations in WDRA

Sometimes, WDRA looks up from its official duties to appreciate diverse issues such as yoga and cleanliness. 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) International Day of Yoga

On the occasion of the 9th International Yoga Day on 21.06.2023, WDRA organised an event to celebrate the theme of "Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"- the idea that the whole world is one family.



The event was attended by Member WDRA, DIR (A&F) and other officials of WDRA at NCUI Campus, New Delhi.

(ii) 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 15.09.2023 to 02.10.2023. Many activities were conducted and all officials and staff participated enthusiastically.



On 21.09.2023, a cleanliness drive (inside and outside) was organised in WDRA Office premises on the occasion of Swachhata Pakhwada from 15.09.2023 to 30.09.2023.



During the Swachhata Campaign, WDRA officials

visited the Palika Daytime Secondary School, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi to distribute sanitary napkins to the girl students and sensitise them about its usage.



On 22.09.2023, an essay-writing competition on Swachhata Hi Seva was organised in the WDRA Office on the occasion of Swachhata Pakhwada.



WDRA officials undertook a cleanliness drive at the DDA park near WDRA's office during the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign.



WDRA officials cleaned the circle area near the WDRA office on 23.09.2023 under the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign.



On 27.09.2023, an Awareness Camp regarding the use of and distribution of sanitary pads in the Government Girls School was organized by WDRA Officers on the occasion of Swachhata Pakhwada.



As part of the 'Swachhata Hi Sewa' campaign, WDRA organised a cleanliness programme 'Ek Taarikh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' on 01.10.2023 at Hauz Khas Market, New Delhi. Shri T K Manoj Kumar, Chairperson, WDRA and Shri Arun Kumar Shrivastava, Member, WDRA led the Shramdaan activities, which included a cleanliness drive in the Hauz Khas Market, New Delhi. The programme was supported by the Hauz Khas Market Association and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Hauz Khas area. Safai Karamcharies of MCD were felicitated in recognition of their services.

WDRA organized an online Drawing Competition during the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign on 2nd October, 2023 for the children of WDRA's employees.

Award-winning drawings in the age group up to 6 years



Advik Jain, 6 Years



Navtej, 6 Years



Presha Jharia, 5 Years

Award-winning drawings in the age group 7 to 14 years



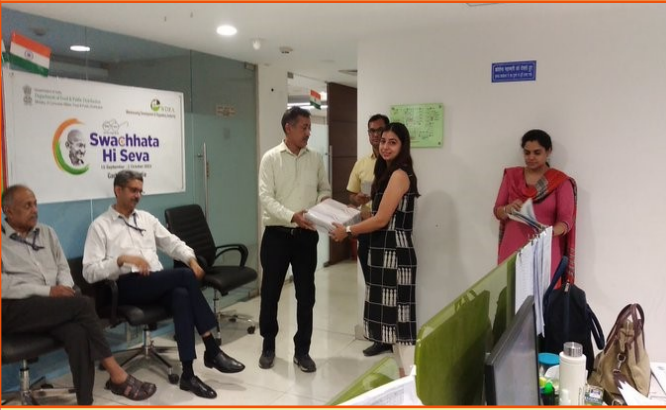
Stuti Jain, 11 Years



Advik Kardam, 7 Years



Eva Barua, 8 Years



WDRA organized the closing ceremony of the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign on 04.10.2023. Prizes were distributed in various categories such as Essay-Writing Competition, Drawing Competition. The cleaning staff was also awarded.



Swachhata Pakhwada Awards

In an event conducted by DFPD for awarding trophies to the winners of **Swachhata Pakhwada Awards** by Secretary(F&PD) on 05.04.2023, WDRA got the 3rd prize for the year 2021.

राजभाषा

(i) राजभाषा कार्यशाला

राजभाषा कार्यशाला का आयोजन 26.06.2023 को किया गया। इस में हिंदी प्रशिक्षण डॉ शोभा रानी, सन्युक्त निदेशक (भाषा), केंद्रीय हिंदी प्रशिक्षण संस्थान द्वारा दिया गया।

(ii) हिन्दी पखवाड़ा और हिन्दी दिवस



14.09.2023 को हिन्दी दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में श्री टी. के मनोज कुमार, अध्यक्ष महोदय द्वारा भांडागारण विकास और विनियामक प्राधिकरण के सभी अधिकारियों एवं कर्मचारियों के साथ राजभाषा की प्रतिज्ञा दिलाई गई।



18.09.2023 को "निबंध लेखन प्रतियोगिता" का आयोजन किया गया।



19.09.2023 को "राजभाषा हिन्दी कार्यान्वयन के विविध आयाम एवं चुनौतियों" से संबंधित व्याख्यान का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें प्राधिकरण में कार्यरत अधिकारी एवं कर्मचारियों उत्साहपूर्वक व्याख्या (लैक्चर) में सम्मिलित हुए। डॉ शोभा रानी, पूर्व सन्युक्त निदेशक (भाषा), केंद्रीय हिन्दी प्रशिक्षण संस्थान द्वारा लैक्चर दिया गया।



26.09.2023 को "स्वरचित कविता से संबंधित प्रतियोगिता" का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें प्राधिकरण में कार्यरत अधिकारी एवं कर्मचारियों ने उत्साहपूर्वक भाग लिया।



27.09.2023 को हिन्दी कंठस्थ टूल “हिन्दी ई-टूल्स” से संबन्धित कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया।



डब्ल्यू.डी.आर.ए. ने 04.10.2023 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:

- Ms. Paridhi Singhal joined as Assistant (SRR/SA/O/SAO) on 05.04.2023
- Ms. Himani Pandey, Ms. Brijesh Lata and Ms. Priyanka Gakhar joined as Assistant (SRR/SA/O/SAO) on 05.04.2023
- Ms. Pinki Joshi joined as Accountant on 16.05.2023
- Shri M. Ramkumar joined as Assistant Director (Information Technology) on 09.06.2023
- Shri Neerupal Yadav who was earlier Assistant Director (Stakeholders Affairs) joined as Deputy Director (Stakeholders Awareness and Outreach) on 14.06.2023
- Shri Rohit Kumar joined as Staff Field Officer on 03.07.2023.

(ii) Adieu:

- Shri Sunil Sinha, Assistant Director (Information Technology) was relieved on 09.06.2023 FN
- Shri Anang Pal, Consultant (Technical)'s tenure ended on 31.05.2023
- Ms. Komal Rani, PA or Steno was relieved on 11.07.2023.
- Shri Sachin Singh, Deputy Director (Legal) was relieved on 31.07.2023.
- Shri Rakesh Kumar Yadav, Assistant Director (Administration & Finance, Contracts) was relieved on 27.09.2023.



Picture by Stuti Jain, age 11 years

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