Name of the Institute: ICAR-Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research, Bhimtal Name of Activity: Green Drive: Organizing plantation drives in the premises having green area at ICAR-DCFR Experimental Fish Farm & Field Centre, Champawat Campaigns on discarding the use of single use plastic and awareness on recycling of waste water, water harvesting for agriculture/horticulture application/kitchen gardens etc.

A Green Drive plantation programme under Swachhta Pakhwada was organized at ICAR-DCFR Experimental Fish Farm & Field Centre, Champawat with the aim to enhance environmental sustainability and promoting ecological conservation. The event took place at the office premises and Fish Farm with active participation of all the staff members including job contract staff.

The event was meticulously planned, with the preparation phase involving cleaning and soil preparation at both locations. The trout raceway premises, being an ecologically sensitive area, benefitted greatly from the introduction of riparian vegetation, which aids in water quality improvement and provides habitat for aquatic and terrestrial species. Additionally, the plantation at the office premises enhanced the workspace environment, creating a refreshing and motivating atmosphere for employees. This initiative also served as a platform for spreading awareness about the importance of tree plantation and ecological balance.

Awareness was also created on hazards of single use plastic, which is very much harmful for human as well health of all living beings. Though, the village people are already using waste water in their kitchen gardens, agriculture and horticulture purposes, awareness created amongst the community to make its usage in a more effective manner.

