

Swachh Jalashay: Cleaning of village pond involving local people at Shankar Puri Village, Roorkee

The Director and his team of Scientists and staff, National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee on **17 March 2019** visited a pond located in the Shankar Puri village, Gram Panchayat Shankar Puri, Tehsil Roorkee, District Haridwar, Uttarakhand under SWACHHTA PAKHWADA-2019. Armed with gloves, gum boots and handheld cleaning tools, a group of over 80 employees including Director NIH, Senior Scientists, Senior Administrative Officer and other official staff of the institute and some volunteers from the Shankar Puri village contributed in the cleaning the village pond. On this occasion, representatives of Block Development Officer Roorkee, Haridwar, and Sh. Yodendra Kumar Chaudhary, Swachhta-Ambassador, Nagar Nigam, Roorkee and Gram Pradhan also joined the cleaning drive.

The unwanted weeds and shrubs around the periphery and in the pond were also removed. The solid waste dumped in and around the pond, which included non-biodegradable material such as synthetic clothes, shoes, plastic bags, bottles etc. were also removed using JCB machine and disposed by trollies. Around 30 trollies solid waste was removed from the pond.

The Director, NIH along with senior scientist and Dr. L N Thakural, Nodal Officer, Swachh Bharat Mission also motivated the people regarding cleanliness and making the village polythene free. They were also educated about the necessity of self-hygiene, community hygiene and cleanliness. During this process, measures were taken so that the natural ecosystem of the pond remains undisturbed.