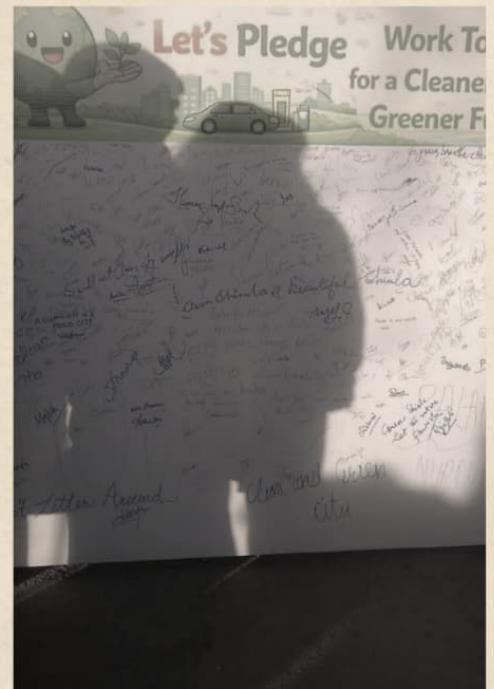


REPORT FROM SANJAULI COLLEGE STUDENTS



DURING THE SHIMLA WINTER CARNIVAL, STUDENTS FROM SANJAULI COLLEGE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT AND CLEANLINESS ACTIVITY UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF HEALING HIMALAYAS. THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THIS ACTIVITY WAS TO SUPPORT HYGIENE MAINTENANCE AND PROMOTE PROPER WASTE MANAGEMENT IN CROWDED CARNIVAL AREAS.

THROUGHOUT THE EVENT, OUR ROLE FOCUSED ON MONITORING CLEANLINESS, MANAGING WASTE DISPOSAL, AND SPREADING AWARENESS AMONG VISITORS AND STALL OWNERS. REGULAR ROUNDS WERE CONDUCTED NEAR FOOD STALLS AND HIGH-CROWD ZONES WHERE WASTE GENERATION WAS MAXIMUM. A LARGE AMOUNT OF GARBAGE WAS OBSERVED DAILY, ESPECIALLY DISPOSABLE PLATES, CUPS, BOWLS, PACKAGING MATERIALS, AND LEFTOVER FOOD FROM FOOD STALLS.



We interacted with stall owners, tourists, and visitors to encourage correct disposal of waste. Special emphasis was given to explaining wet and dry waste segregation. Separate containers placed at various points were highlighted to reduce littering, and awareness pamphlets and information slips were placed near stalls and dustbins for better public understanding.

Continuous checking of dustbins and waste collection points was carried out to avoid overflow, bad smell, and unhygienic conditions. Whenever bins were found full or segregation was improper, municipal cleaning staff were informed immediately for timely emptying and sweeping. Waste collection vehicles were also observed transporting dry waste regularly from the carnival site.





On one of the days, garbage bags collected from different locations were weighed using a digital weighing machine. Each bag was checked to observe the level of waste segregation, and segregation percentages were noted. This data was shared with the volunteer coordination team to help analyze ground-level waste management efficiency.

During our interaction with the public, we noticed varied behavior. Some people were conscious and cooperative regarding cleanliness, while others paid little attention despite awareness efforts.

We also observed gaps between waste segregation at the source level and final garbage handling, highlighting real-life challenges faced during large public events.



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Photography and documentation were done regularly for reporting and record-keeping. Volunteers and municipal workers coordinated effectively, especially during peak crowd hours, which helped manage waste more efficiently.

On the final day, our duties mainly involved staying near stalls, taking regular rounds, monitoring dustbins, and informing municipal staff for sweeping and timely waste removal. Continuous supervision helped prevent waste overflow and maintained hygiene around stall areas until the closing hours.

Conclusion

This environmental support activity during the Shimla Winter Carnival was a valuable learning experience for all volunteers. It helped us understand the practical challenges of waste management at large public events. We learned that awareness alone is not enough without regular monitoring, follow-up, and coordination. The activity strengthened our understanding of discipline, teamwork, communication, and environmental responsibility. We also feel that regular involvement of volunteers, better training of sanitation staff, strict rules, and public announcements can significantly improve waste management during such events.

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By - Sanjauli college students