

## Report

AIIMS Bathinda successfully observed Swachhata Pakhwada from 1st to 15th April 2026 with a series of comprehensive activities aimed at promoting cleanliness, hygiene, infection control, and environmental sustainability in line with the Swachh Bharat Mission.

The campaign commenced with an inaugural ceremony at the OPD Hall, led by the Medical Superintendent in the presence of distinguished guests, faculty members, nursing staff, and administrative officials. A Swachhata pledge was administered, followed by a campus-wide cleanliness drive and awareness sessions on biomedical waste management and infection prevention practices.

Over the course of 15 days, the institute undertook cleanliness audits across critical areas including emergency services, ICUs, operation theatres, wards, laboratories, and residential zones. Intensive cleaning drives were carried out in OPDs, waiting areas, corridors, staircases, and hospital premises, along with deep cleaning of basement and utility areas. Special emphasis was placed on high-touch surfaces, patient care zones, and biomedical waste segregation.

Community outreach formed a key component of the initiative, with teams visiting nearby schools, Anganwadi centres, and Gurudwara premises to promote awareness on personal hygiene, hand hygiene, and waste management. Cleaning drives were also conducted in these areas, reinforcing the concept of “Swachhata beyond hospital boundaries.”

The campaign further included capacity-building sessions for sanitation staff, nurses, and resident doctors, along with hand hygiene demonstrations, junk and scrap clearance drives, and horticulture activities to enhance campus cleanliness and sustainability. World Health Day was observed with health camps, yoga sessions, and diet counselling, particularly focusing on the well-being of sanitation workers.

Creative and participatory activities such as Nukkad Natak, role plays, poster presentations, and debates engaged students and staff in spreading awareness and encouraging behavioral change.

The Swachhata Pakhwada concluded with a valedictory ceremony held in the Auditorium, where achievements of the 15-day campaign were presented. A mock parliament by MBBS and nursing students highlighted key issues related to cleanliness and public health. Departments including Biochemistry, Pathology, Psychiatry, and Neonatology showcased their initiatives. Sanitation workers and departments were felicitated for their dedicated efforts.

The institute reaffirmed its commitment to sustaining cleanliness, strengthening infection control practices, and promoting a clean, safe, and patient-friendly healthcare environment.