



## Cleanliness drives to be conducted in Government offices and buildings under Swachh Bharat Mission

~ Thematic Drive to be conducted from 16<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2016 in all National, State and local government offices & buildings

**New Delhi | May 14, 2016:** Government offices and buildings across the country will undergo a massive cleanliness drive to further reinforce cleanliness under the Swachh Bharat Mission. The Ministry of Urban Development today announced the planned thematic drive in government office complexes, to be extensively conducted between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of May across all national, state and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) government offices and buildings, to be undertaken by government employees and staff members.

The Ministry has also issued directives to all state mission directors and Urban Local Bodies, suggesting a series of activities the ULBs could take up during the fortnightly drive. The suggestions include general cleaning of government office premises, cleaning & repair work of sanitary facilities, and weeding out old & unused files and discarded materials in the office premises.

Through the innovative concept of "Thematic Drives", the Ministry aims to identify different areas & sectors in order to reinforce the message of Swachh Bharat Mission in a more focused manner. Some of the sectors in which these thematic drives have already been undertaken in the previous calendar of these thematic drives include transport, health, education, heritage sector and religious places, water bodies, and agriculture, to name a few. These initiatives are expected to help in increasing awareness and participation from all the sections of the society. The last thematic drive conducted between the 1st and 15th of May focused on involving factory owners & workers in maintaining cleanliness in industrial areas.

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