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Subject: Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign from 17<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 - reg.

The **Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign**, scheduled from 17<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024, was successfully conducted today, **23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**, in two important Wildlife Sanctuaries: **Overa-Aru Wildlife Sanctuary** (*Geo-coordinates: 34° 1'50.96"N*, 75°18'30.51"E) in Lidder Valley Range, Pahalgam, and **Rajparian Wildlife Sanctuary** (*Geo-coordinates: 33°36'52.15"N*, 75°26'1.32"E) in Bringi Valley Range, Achabal.

Both sanctuaries saw significant participation from staff members, casual laborers, and local community members, all working together to maintain the cleanliness and natural beauty of these vital wildlife areas. During the campaign, 2 *Ha* of land were cleaned in *Overa-Aru Wildlife Sanctuary*, and *1.5 Ha* were cleaned in *Rajparian Wildlife Sanctuary*. This focused effort helped restore and preserve key areas within the sanctuaries, ensuring that they remain clean and conducive to wildlife conservation. The details of the participants is as:

|            |                              | Participants     |   |                           |
|------------|------------------------------|------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Sr.<br>No. | Sanctuary                    | Staff<br>Members | Local Community<br>Members & Stake<br>Holders | Total No. of Participants |
| 1          | Overa-Aru Wildlife Sanctuary | 27               | 75  | 102                       |
| 2          | Rajparian Wildlife Sanctuary | 19               | 72  | 91                        |

The cleanliness drives focused on key areas within the sanctuaries, ensuring that all participants, including the staff, casual laborers, and local community members, actively contributed to the overall efforts. The campaign was not only a cleanliness initiative but also a valuable opportunity for spreading awareness about the importance of maintaining a clean and sustainable environment in wildlife-protected areas.

The involvement of local communities played a crucial role in reinforcing the message of environmental conservation. By engaging locals in these activities, the campaign helped foster a sense of ownership and responsibility toward preserving the sanctuaries' pristine habitats for the future.

**Enclosed:** "Photographs documenting the campaign"

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Rajparian Wildlife Sanctuary, Bringi Valley Range, Achabal

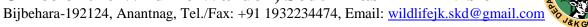








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## Overa-Aru Wildlife Sanctuary, Lidder Valley Range, Pahalgam







