

Embassy of India
Thimphu

Press Release: **Prize Distribution function of Cleanliness Campaign held by the Shaba Gewog Administration in collaboration with the Embassy of India**

As part of the upcoming celebrations of India@75 and inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's famous quote "Cleanliness is next to Godliness", the Shaba Gewog Administration organized a cleanliness campaign in collaboration with the Embassy of India on 13 December 2020.

The cleanliness campaign-cum-competition witnessed participation by 166 girl students of the Karma Academy, Shaba, Paro. The students were divided into 11 groups and tasked with collection of waste around Shaba town. Staff from the Gewog administration and teachers of Karma Academy accompanied the students during the competition to supervise and record the collection of waste. A total of 405 sacks full of waste were collected and disposed of appropriately by the participants in the cleaning campaign.

Ms. Kesang Deki Gyeltshen, Ms. Sonam Yangdon and Ms. Pema Tshomo, all Class 12 students of Karma Academy were adjudged the winners of the cleaning competition. Mr. Tandin Penjor, Class 5 student of Shaba Primary School will be receiving a consolation prize.

In a function on 5 March 2021 at the India House Estate, Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj handed over smartphones with the latest features as prizes and merit certificates to all four students of Shaba Gewog. Ambassador spoke about the importance of observing cleanliness in our day-to-day lives as well as the relevance of Government of India's *Swachh Bharat* campaign since it was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 2 October 2014. She recalled the activities undertaken by the Embassy of India during the *Swachhata Pakhwada* from 1-15 January 2021 and asked all present to inspire family members, friends and fellow citizens to maintain cleanliness in their homes, workplace and everywhere else.

Winners of the Cleanliness Campaign on 13 December 2020

	
First Prize: Ms. Kesang Deki Gyeltshen, Class 12, Karma Academy	Second Prize: Ms. Sonam Yangdon, Class: 12, Karma Academy
	
Third Prize: Ms. Pema Tshomo, Class 12, Karma Academy	Consolation Prize: Mr. Tandin Penjor, Class 5, Shaba Primary School

Photographs of the Prize Distribution and the Cleanliness Campaign

