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Government of India launched a "Swachh Bharat Summer Internship- 100 hours of Swachhta" programme for the students of Universities and Higher Education Institutions. The students are to devote approximately 100 hours conducting Swachhta- related activities in villages selected by them and approved by their parent institution. The participants are to conduct (i) Information-Education- Communication activities for increasing awareness of village people about sanitation and hygiene and (ii) Solid Waste Management related activities in villages.

All the participants of the Internship programme will be given a Swachh Bharat Summer Internship Certificate on completion of their internship and its approval by their parent institution. Apart from these Certificates, the Best interns will be recognised with Shields/cups at college level and cash prizes of Rs. 30,000, Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 10,000 at University level; Rs. 50,000, Rs. 30,000 and Rs. 20,000 at State level and Rs. 2 Lakh, Rs. 1 Lakh and Rs. 50,000 at the National level. As per the guidelines of the Internship programme, 2 curriculum credits are to be given by institutions affiliated with UGC to those interns whose internships are certified by the parent institution as eligible for the credits on the basis of higher parameters.

This information was given by the Minister of State (HRD), Dr. Satya Pal Singh today in a written reply to a Rajya Sabha question.

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