

SWACHH BHARAT DIWAS CELEBRATED ACROSS THE NATION ON 2ND OCTOBER, 2021 UNDER SWACHH BHARAT MISSION GRAMEEN PHASE 2 AS PART OF AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

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Satyagraha se Swachhagrah Rath Yatra

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Sthayitva evam Sujalam Abhiyan

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