



# Department of Science and Technology reviews progress of Special Campaign 6; Secretary, DST calls for accelerated implementation and enhanced public outreach

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The Department of Science and Technology (DST) today reviewed the progress of Special Campaign 6 during a meeting chaired by the Secretary DST, with the Heads of Autonomous Institutions/ Subordinate Organisations under the Department. The meeting reviewed the implementation of the campaign and deliberated on measures to accelerate its execution during the remaining implementation period.

At the outset, the Joint Secretary (Admn) & Nodal Officer for Special Campaign 6 presented a comprehensive overview of the campaign and apprised the participants of the progress achieved by DST and its organisations up to 21st October, 2026. The presentation highlighted achievements made in cleanliness campaigns, scrap disposal, space management, record management, public outreach and social media engagement, besides outlining the priorities for the remaining implementation period.

Reviewing the progress achieved so far, Secretary DST, Prof. Umesh V. Waghmare appreciated the efforts made by all Divisions and organisations under the Department and urged them to further intensify campaign activities to achieve the identified targets within the stipulated timeline.

The Secretary directed all organisations to identify additional locations for cleanliness drives, accelerate scrap disposal activities, undertake comprehensive space audits and utilise the space freed through scrap disposal in a productive and aesthetically pleasing manner.

He also emphasised that revenue generated from scrap disposal should be reported promptly to the Department. Further, all Autonomous Institutions/Organisations were directed to ensure effective implementation of the campaign across all their field offices.

Emphasising the need for creation of public awareness, the Secretary directed all organisations to disseminate campaign activities on a daily basis through official social media platforms and the Press Information Bureau. He stressed that all campaign-related posts should invariably carry the hashtag #SpecialCampaign6, tag the official DST social

media handles, and include appropriate campaign branding. Organisations were also encouraged to document and share beneficiary testimonials, best practices and success stories through short videos, infographics and photographs for wider public outreach.

The meeting noted that significant progress has been achieved under Special Campaign 6 up to 21st October, 2026. Across DST and its organisations, 473 cleanliness campaigns have been conducted, resulting in the freeing of 0.78 lakh square feet of office space. Scrap disposal has generated ₹11.30 lakh in revenue. Further, 7,138 physical files have been reviewed, of which 2,926 files have been weeded out, while 1,960 e-files have been reviewed and 1,013 e-files have been closed. Public outreach has also been strengthened through three PIB statements and 77 social media posts by DST Headquarters and its organisations.

The Secretary expressed confidence that, with sustained efforts and active participation of all organisations, the Department would successfully achieve the objectives of Special Campaign 6 and further strengthen the Government's commitment towards cleanliness, efficient record management, optimum utilisation of office space, transparency and citizen-centric governance.



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