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# A swachh drive begins at Delhi station to mark 100 years of Mahatma's return

NEW DELHI: To commemorate 100 years of Mahatma Gandhi's return to India from South Africa, a joint cleanliness drive was launched by Imagindia Institute and the Japanese community in India on Thursday.



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**Japanese executives were accompanied by students from JNU and Yuva Chetna Morcha members in the drive.**

The initiative is being supported by the Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry in India (JCCI), and **the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of India (ICAI).**

After Narendra Modi's visit to Japan, Sompo Insurance approached Robinder Sachdeva, president of Imagindia, to jointly organise cleanliness campaigns in India.

This collaboration was under a four-year-old initiative, "Come, Clean India", undertaken by Imagindia.

The cleanliness drive was started at New Delhi railway station. About a hundred Japanese company executives were accompanied by students from JNU and Yuva Chetna Morcha.

On the occasion, Hiroyuki Hayashi, manager HRD office of Sompo Japan insurance in India said, "Japan was not so clean 30 years ago, but with individual efforts it is one of the cleanest now. India will

also be clean if the people will it.”

Shozo Kitamura, director of the Ritsumeikan India office, said “India needs people who act and not talk.”

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