

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2024

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Western Times

World Environment Day was celebrated by students of Delhi Public School-Bopal

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The Green Warriors of the Senior School actively involved themselves in a poster-making activity on the topic of Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience. They also adopt a plant, committing to its care and ensure nature conservation.

Children understood the significance of conserving water resources by incorporating water-saving practices into their daily routines. They were given simple tips such as turning off taps when not in use, fixing leaks promptly and using water-efficient appliances, all of which can make a significant difference in reducing water consumption. As a part of our e-waste recycling initiative, students were tasked with gathering their unused electronic devices—such as old phones, batteries, and computers and submit them to school for proper disposal and recycling once it opens. This initiative raised awareness about the hazards of electronic waste and taught them responsible e-waste management within our community.

All specifically designed activities played a crucial role in raising awareness, mobilizing support for environmental conservation efforts, and promoting sustainable practices.

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SOME TURN TO FOUNTAIN PENS, OTHERS MAKING NATURE-FRIENDLY PRODUCTS

Schoolgoers walk sustainability talk, say no to single-use plastic

Ragini Bharadwaj & Niyati Parikh | TNN

While sustainability is the hottest new buzzword that has found its way into branding campaigns, at the core of the concept is mindful consumption working in tandem with upcycling and recycling to expand a product's life cycle. A bunch of students from schools across Ahmedabad have been walking the sustainability talk by shunning the use of single-use plastics in their everyday lives while upcycling products.

Choosing fountain pens
Pens are usually discarded after first use, regardless of whether their refills can be replaced or not. An Ahmedabad-based social enterprise, World Around You Foundation (WAY), has been working with several schools to minimize the use of single-use plastic pens and ensure they are properly disposed of. Thanks to their efforts over the past five years, the use of single-use plastic pens has reduced considerably in several schools.

"We began the campaign in 2019 by collaborating with schools in Ahmedabad. Students were asked to collect used pens in a box. Six months after we approached a municipal school in Chandkheda for the project, we ended up collecting about 500kg of pens only to find that most of them were reusable," explained Wricha Johri, co-founder, WAY.

"The concern about single-use plastic pens is that they're not recyclable because the grades of plastic used in the body cap and ink refill are different. That's when we began collecting and segregating the pen parts and giving them to the recycler. Meanwhile, we've also devised mechanisms in schools to promote the use of fountain pens to minimize plastic waste," she explained.

A case in point is Saint Ka-



Children at Anand Niketan make paper bags

bir School at Drive-In Road in Ahmedabad, where students have been collecting single-use plastic pens in every class. In a year, the school collected 35kg of discarded pens.

"After WAY conducted an awareness programme at our school, we appointed student volunteers who were tasked with ensuring that pens were discarded in the boxes placed in the classrooms. In many cases, the pens were found to be refillable and reusable. We decided to build a model class where no student would use a use-and-throw pen and reward such students in the assembly," said Shital Parmar, the school's environment education coordinator. The efforts have been paying off and the school is slowly going single-use-plastic-free.

"Our initiatives continued even during the pandemic as the students were encouraged to collect these pens at home," she added.

Fostering sustainability by upcycling plastic
Infusing a renewed purpose into what would otherwise be deemed as waste, the students at Delhi Public School (Bopal), under their Green Warriors Club (established in 2009), beautifully transform discarded plastic bottles into bird feeders and planters.

These students of Classes 6 to 8 repurposed plastic bottles and made around 1,200 feeders, 500 of which were distributed in the nearby areas. Students of Classes 4 and 5 have made planters out of plastic bottles to make gardening more fun. Students from Classes 8 to 10 have crafted paper bags from old newspapers. Nearly 1,000 such bags have been distributed among community members.

Additionally, students of Classes 9 and 11 have demonstrated their ingenuity by fashioning costumes from plastic bottles, emphasizing the importance of repurposing materials to minimize waste and promote sustainability.

Talking to TOI, HOD Activities at DPS (Bopal) Alpa Biju said, "Each bird feeder, flower pot, paper bag and recycled costume signifies a small yet significant step towards a greener, more sustainable future."

Partitions and installations
The plastic bottle partitions at the entrance of Anand

CM launches Mission Three Million Trees

Chief minister Bhupendra Patel visited a Namo Vad Van in Gandhinagar and launched the Mission Three Million Trees project in Ahmedabad on Wednesday to mark World Environment Day. The Namo Vad Van project was launched in the state on March 21, 2022 (World Forest Day) and the state had set a target of developing 75 such green spots with at least 175 banyan saplings each. A govt statement said on Wednesday that 82 such green spots have been developed across 33 districts. The CM also launched the Mission Three Million Trees campaign by planting trees at the Sola Umiya campus. He flagged off AMTS e-buses as well as AMC's RRR (reduce, reuse, recycle) vans at the event organized by the AMC. The RRR vans will enable residents to donate surplus old clothes, shoes, household items, toys, books and small furniture. These items will be processed for reuse or recycling and promote sustainable waste management practices, the statement added. TNN

Niketan Satellite Campus are a cynosure of all eyes. The school's environment club members have embarked on a journey towards sustainability by repurposing waste materials.

Around 600 students of Classes 5 to 8 collected plastic bottles and created beautiful partitions to be used at the entrance, library and lunch area and anywhere needed. It is an ongoing project.

They are also busy converting old newspapers into decorative items, using discarded plastic bottles as planters and crafting educational tools from scrap. The school's senior vice-principal Sonal Narang said, "The students' efforts shine as a beacon of hope and responsibility, inspiring not only their peers but also the wider community to adopt environmentally friendly practices. Their actions prove that small changes can lead to significant impact in the fight against environmental degradation."