

Food Scrap Free Project at PSBB T Nagar

Food Scrap Free was a friendly 12 week competition for schools to promote and improve efforts at Organic Waste Management which is a primary step in creating awareness amongst students through composting and painting competitions. The aim of the project was to encourage waste reduction and eliminate waste generation. Thus food scrap will be prevented from going to landfills, reduce methane generation and thereby assist in mitigating climate change as well.

Student volunteers enthusiastically participated by collecting raw and cooked waste from the school canteen. They weighed the waste generated everyday and put them in 3 tier compost bins. Separate bins were also kept in the campus to collect banana leaves and other food waste discarded in the campus. A layer of coco pith was sprinkled on top of waste collected each day to keep the contents dry and free of odour. Student volunteers also created awareness on not wasting food through slogans and paintings on paper plates. A log was maintained on the quantity of waste thrown as well as the manure generated out of it. Each batch took nearly 25 days to turn into manure. This manure was air dried and students themselves put it in the school garden. The project also highlighted the significance of regenerating the soil with the help of manure.

Out of the 50 schools that were shortlisted for the prize, **PSBB T Nagar was awarded the second place- a citation and a cheque for Rupees 25000/-.**

The project is being sustained and more students are now motivated to participate in the same.



Receiving the prize



Student volunteers encouraged by the Dean



Students weighing the food waste



Coco pith was used to cover food waste



Awareness created by paintings/slogans on plates made out of sugarcane waste



Manure generated after composting



Students using the manure generated in the school garden



Public Awareness on not to waste food and explaining about composting

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