

Eco-club (the_last_leaf) Shyam Lal College

Report on Awareness programme on Plastic ban in East Delhi

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Plastic pollution has risen to be one of the most alarming situations in the world and has become a serious environmental concern. It may have started as a cheap alternative to make products long lasting and disposable, but its side effects are being felt now. Plastic had played such an important role in our lives that we feel it's not even possible to live in a world without it. Due to its wide usage on a large scale has led to a very little scope of getting rid of it completely. Plastic products, such as bags, cutlery like plates, spoons, straws, packed foods like chips, plastic bottles etc. don't fully degrade and remain in the environment for hundreds of years. The wrong disposal of such wastes lead to serious concerns in the environment, for instance; domestic animals like cows, buffaloes, dogs etc. get choked to death due to the intake of these poisonous products lying on the roads, contamination of marine habitats with untreated waste, large landfills filled with plastic materials, and when it is burnt it releases toxic substances polluting the air and endangering life form.

We need to be woke about these situations and aspire to be eco-friendly for sustainable development. So our Eco club volunteers of Shyam Lal College took initiative and went to East Delhi Shahdara area near Welcome Metro Station to spread awareness about the environmental damage through plastic bags. They also distributed cloth-bags to them free of cost. The main objective of the drive was to sensitize the students as well as the local vendors of nearby area to minimize the use of plastic bags, not to throw them in public places as they choke drains, causing water logging. The water-logged areas are natural breeding grounds for mosquitoes which causes water born disease also. They also try to understand them to inculcate the habit of segregating the food waste and plastic waste in different bins which will ensure that it will be recycled and does not end up in landfills or water bodies. They should refrain from buying single use plastic products and reuse, repair and recycle products. Plastic can be replaced with materials like, cotton, jute, glass, steel, wood etc. Even though we cannot completely vanish plastic from our surroundings but with everyone's individual efforts and small contributions towards plastic elimination can lead to a healthy environment. Our 15 volunteers took initiative of Awareness program (15th -18th Feb 2016) on the environmental damage through plastic bags.





