

Two city schools join the Green brigade, spread the eco message

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In a collective display of their activities , eco-friendly clubs of several schools from across the country including Navi Mumbai have come together to participate in a unique competitive programme called 'Conserve My Campus'



The event will see 13 schools taking part; seven in Delhi, five in Bangalore, and two Navi Mumbai schools. Sacred Heart School (SHC) and Avalon Heights International School in Vashi have joined the CMC programme.

Recently, a competition was organised to create awareness about the need to embrace energy-efficient practices and use energy-efficient products. These included essay competition, speech, songs and skits. The students composed a song and the best will be selected as the anthem for the programme.

The Green Ambassadors were very enthusiastic along with the teachers, parent coordinators, principals and the managers of the school were very supportive. The contest was a huge success. Badges, certificates and mementos with the CMC logo and core values were distributed to all Green Ambassadors, teacher and parent coordinators. Prizes for activities like essay competition, creativity, highest scorer, and for the best participating student, Rishab Bhalla, were given to the deserving Green Ambassadors. The champion of the year 2008-09 trophy was awarded to SHC Vashi.

"Energy saving cannot be achieved with equipment or gadgets, it requires a change in habits, as well as people's attitude towards electricity conservation. Government alone cannot ensure this, we need participation from various sections of society," said Father Joaquim Dcosta, of SHC.

Joseph Malaar, principal SHC, in her message said, "Try to use various sources of energy, conserve it to the optimum level and use it. As a family of the SHC, put your hearts and mind to love nature and conserve energy." "The programme targets the eco- focus groups and 30 students from each school of classes V-VII were selected," informed Dr Kamala TN, programme director CMC. She also added that students of each school would be showcasing their eco-initiatives and learning of the entire year for the benefit of other students, family members and society. Speaking about the activities, Dr Kamala said, "No matter what, you can still make a difference to save the planet. We need to be the change we want to see," she added.

At the end, the children along with the parents and the teachers took the 'Power Pledge' and promised to save energy and the environment in their campuses, homes and neighborhoods'.