TARGET 4 Undertake a campaign under the Swachh Bharat Mission to enhance plastic waste management in your city and reduce the use of single-use plastics.

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1. Executive Summary

This report outlines the efforts undertaken to reduce single-use plastic in our community. We conducted a series of activities including an awareness campaign, a kokedama tutorial, cloth bag making, seed pen crafting and poster creation, observing a day on using eco-friendly products, taking digital pledge. These activities were designed to educate and engage the students on the importance of sustainable practices and the dangers of plastic waste. Collectively, these efforts have helped to inspire changes and raised awareness on alternatives to single-use plastic.

2. Introduction

Plastic pollution poses a significant threat to our environment, harming wildlife and polluting oceans. Our campaign aimed to reduce the use of single-use plastics by encouraging sustainable alternatives. The primary objectives were to increase awareness, promote reusable materials, and empower the community with practical

solutions. A variety of activities were conducted to engage people of all ages in the movement towards reducing single-use plastic.

3. Activities Conducted

Awareness Campaign

- **Description**: We launched an awareness campaign that targeted the local vendors and community groups. Our main focus was on the environmental hazards of plastic pollution and simple changes that individuals can make to reduce plastic waste.
- **Execution**: Questionnaires were distributed and feedback and suggestions were accepted and requested their support and cooperation for joining the campaign.
- **Outcomes**: Approximately 50 individuals interacted with our campaign materials, and many expressed a newfound interest in reducing their plastic consumption.



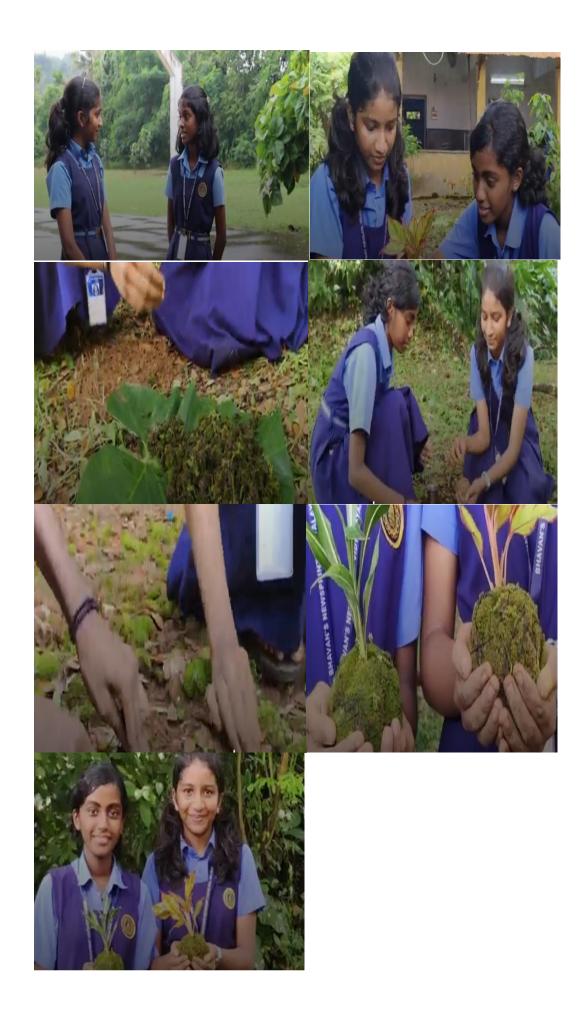






Making of Kokedama

- **Description**: Kokedama is a Japanese planting technique that involves wrapping a plant's roots in a ball of soil and moss. This sustainable gardening method helps reduce plastic usage in gardening.
- Execution. A video was made on how to make kokedama by the students of std.8
- **Outcomes**: Everyone reported they were excited to have a sustainable and beautiful alternative to plastic plant pots.



Making of Cloth Bags

- **Description**: To encourage people to ditch plastic bags, we organized a cloth bag-making session
- **Execution**: The video was presented in various classrooms and a brief session was conducted on the hazards of using single use plastic.
- Outcomes: Received a huge support from the students side and they agreed to our suggestions on reducing single use plastic.



Making of Seed Pens

• **Description**: Seed pens are eco-friendly writing tools that can be planted after use. They promote sustainability by integrating seeds into biodegradable materials.

- **Execution**: Participants crafted pens using biodegradable materials and filled them with seeds. Students demonstrated how the pens could be planted in soil after use.
- **Outcomes**: Around 100 participants attended, and the idea of palatable pens was met with enthusiasm, especially among students.





Poster Making

- **Description**: Poster-making sessions invited community members, particularly students, to design posters that highlighted the harms of plastic pollution and promoted sustainable alternatives.
- **Execution**: The posters were later displayed in public spaces around town, amplifying our message.
- Outcomes: Over 30 posters were created, each conveying powerful messages about the dangers of plastic waste. These posters helped spread awareness visually and attracted a wide audience.



Observing a day on the importance of eco-friendly products

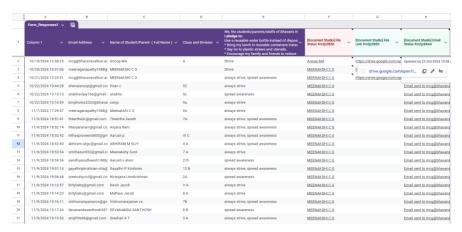
. **Description:** A workshop on making of clay pots was arranged and also eco-friendly products were used to decorate the event. Eatables were packed using eco-friendly items like banana leaves

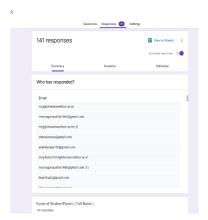
.Outcomes. That was new experience and this gave them a good understanding on using sustainable products and the importance of taking care of our planet.



Taking digital pledge

- . **Description**: A digital pledge was shared in our school group for all the students, parents and staff of our school to take.
- . **Outcome:** There was a huge response from many students and parent, staffs





4. Overall Outcomes and Observations

The campaign succeeded in raising awareness about single-use plastic. A follow-up survey indicated that approximately 70% of participants were likely to adopt at least one sustainable practice introduced in the activities. Furthermore, many expressed interest in participating in future eco-friendly initiatives, demonstrating the campaign's lasting impact on the community.

5. Challenges and Solutions

Challenges:

- Initial resistance to switching from plastic to reusable alternatives.
- Limited resources for certain activities due to funding constraints.

Solutions:

• We emphasized the benefits of sustainability and shared relatable success stories to address resistance.

6. Conclusion

Reducing single-use plastic is a collective effort. Through this campaign, we successfully engaged the community, raising awareness about the detrimental effects of plastic waste and promoting sustainable habits. We believe this campaign has laid a foundation for ongoing efforts towards a plastic-free future. Continued outreach and engagement will be essential for building on this momentum.

7. Appendices

- **Photos**: Attached photos from each activity.
- Questionnaires and Posters: Samples of distributed materials.
- Survey Results: Summary of feedback and survey results.

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