All Mumbai Environment Festival PLANIT-E

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The First-Ever All Mumbai Interschool Intercollegiate Eco Fest - Planit-E 2017-18

St. Teresa's Institute of Education is one of the proneoring colleges of teacher-education in Mumbai. Since its inception we were contemplating on hosting a cultural less that would serve to unite schools and colleges across the metropolitan and also provide a forum for a worthy cause. At last we bit upon a million dollar idea..... and Plaint-E-was born!

As you are aware, the threats facing us in terms of depletion of resources, degradation of the environment and the detiniental effects of abusing nature are insurmountable. The truth is inevitable a slow but steady decay and death of the planet at large. If we have to avert this im-

A Planning the planet of my dreams has finally turned from fantasy to a roaring reality!!! Dr Giselle D'souza pending calaunity, each of us has to make an informed choice to make a difference and what botter way than to tap the fluinling potential, creative ideas and ingenious suggestions of the young minds who hold the key to a better temorrow in a beautiful world.

It gives us pride to state that this first ever eco-fest in the city has seen around 50 educational institutions come together each year in a bid to step up the quality of our planet Earth....in short E-quality taking our dream of Planit-E' to frustion. Each year we try to add a new twist to our venture to make it just not rock but roll, just not stagnate but reach the poles. Our 2 day eco-cultural fest witnesses a plothora of competitions all boiling down to environment related themes. From head, hand and heart to dances and art, from skills of expression (Elocution & Debates) to eco-fashion (Ads), from performing street plays to penning essays, from crooning models (Jingles) to working models (Projects) and more... _there's loads of fun and prizes galoret!

Come feel like a star, and win a tro-



phy for your college and school, knowing STJE is the eco-hub and creativity is the rule. So block your dates on the E-calendar and make a dash bere on the 1st and 2nd December 2017. The fest commences with an Inaugural function at 8:30 am on 1st Dec 2017 followed by a host of competitions lined up for each day.

'On its Third Anniversary we stepped up the beat,...and thought we'd extend it to the streets. Come and see what's going to unfold....at the end of the rambow find your pot of gold* - Gloria Borges. Event Organiser, Planit-E.

We look forward to your whole-heartedness and support by just heing there! Don't lorget to hit a like on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ Planti-E-1647292205543667

Prof. Dr. Giselle D'souza

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Principal Dr Sr. Tanuja Waghmare beamed with pride as zillions of motivated youngsters charged with a passion for striving to restore the beauty of Planet Earth thronged the campus on the 16th and 17th of November 2019 The commitment and enthusiasm of the entire faculty, the Executive Head all the dignitaries witnessing it. Dr Cindrella D'mello and the Core Team members Gloria Borges (Event retary of the event declared, "When I Organiser) & Sylvia Chettiar were laudable, giving the fest a shiny green edge among school and college events. The passion of the 98 B.Ed teacher trainees student fraternity, I am convinced to who hosted the fest deserves a mention as they walked the extra mile and transformed the college into an ecohub with eco-friendly decor, creating propaganda for the fest with posts on social media and nurturing their entrepreneurial skills from planning to con- for all who witnessed it. ducting the two-day event.

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Dr. Giselle D'souza, Organising Secconceptualized the event it was only a dream, but with the present status the eco-fest enjoys in the hearts of the believe a festival of this kind has provided a forum to the youth to prove their mettle on the environmental landscape". This green initiative has been a much-needed move in our city's agenda & a truly rewarding experience

Dr. Giselle D'souza





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St. Teresa's Institute of Education's 'Planit-E' goes viral

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Planit - E was initiated by St. Teresa's Institute of Education, Santacruz with an aim of extending the boundaries of the routine cultural fests that are hosted by educational institutions across Mumbai. The green highlight of the festival is its distinctive status of being the 'only all- Mumbai Environment fest' for schools and colleges. Into its fourth year, it bears the distinguished trademark of an intellectual forum which aims at amalgamating the youth from both schools and colleges in a spirit of healthy competition. This goal is achieved by engaging them in a plethora of activities/competitions catering to different domains of head, hand and heart.



Ranging from rap to jingles and documentaries, November 16 and 17 were a sight to witness. The endlessly flowing stream of creativity of the participants was evident through their views on critical issues facing our very own Mother Earth. As they evolved ways to 'Plan it' in a more eco-friendly manner, the hope for a secure green future turned from a distant dream to a reality.

The benevolent sponsors for this fest included Citizen Credit Co-operative Bank Ltd, SOSVA, Avon, Tupperware, RUR Green Life Private Ltd.

Dr. Tanuja Waghmare (Principal, S.T.I.E.) Dr. Giselle D'souza (Organizing Secretary), Dr. Cindrella D'mello (Executive Head), Gloria Borges (Event Organizer) and the entire faculty of S.T.I.E. were the pioneers of

The word 'Planit-E' echoes in the ears of every inmate in the portals of St. Teresa's Institute of Education. The name itself, is powerful enough to elicit a gamut of emotions that the faculty and the students associate with the festival.

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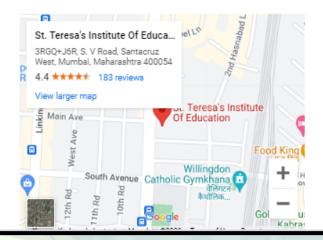
Did I just hear you say..."No one cares about the environment today?" Well, then St. Teresa's Institute of Education is the green hub that you need to make a quick dash to on 16th/17th November 2019. Well into its fourth year, this festival currently enjoys the golden status of the FIRST-EVER and ONLY environment based festival in Mumbai attracting participation from an increasing number of schools and colleges year on year.

As Principal Dr Sr. Tanuja Waghmare on behalf of the Management proudly puts it, "Planit-E is the green jewel in the crown of St. Teresa's Institute of Education". With her dynamic ensemble of motivated and resourceful faculty, Planit-E takes on newer dimensions on the environmental landscape each year. The event is totally sponsored by a number of leading NGOs and brands. Come one; come all to the "Go Green ball!" From head, hand and heart to Ed-talks and art, from skills of expression (Choral recitation and Debates) to eco-fashion (Ads and Fashion show), from performing street plays to penning essays, from crooning models (Jingles) to working models (Projects) and more......there's loads of fun and prizes galore!!!

So if you've got the talent, S.T.I.E is the place and Planit-E is the moment to come and prove your mettle. You may just enter as a rock star and walk away as a superstar with a trophy for your school/college. The fest commences with an inaugural function at 8:30 am on 16th November 2019 followed by a host of competitions lined up for each of the 2 days. There are 3 trophies being awarded for the 3 best schools and colleges across the Metropolitan. Dr. Giselle D'souza, Organising Secretary who conceptualized the festival shares, "Watching the campus glisten in shades of emerald and jade at the fest every year, makes me believe that the future of the planet is safely vested in the hands of empowered youth who dream green and have a gamut of innovative ideas to save Planet Earth!"

The green highlight of the festival this year will be the participation and special stage performances by students with special needs. Indeed Planit-E is an umbrella beneath which the student fraternity and experts from different walks of life unite in harmony towards a common dream of reminiscing and reviving the story of creation!

For more info on Planit-E, you can visit their Instagram and Facebook page.



Go Green with Tetra Pak Campaign (RUR GreenLife Pvt. Ltd.)



Students and teachers of St Teresa's Institute of Education, Santacruz stand besides the bench made from used Tetra Pak cartons.(HT PHOTO)

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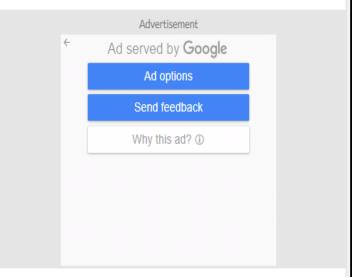
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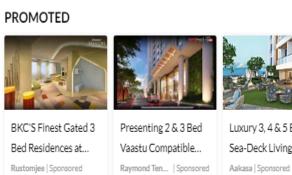
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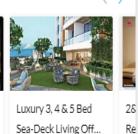
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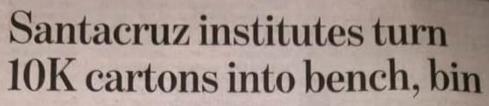
Making, filling, transporting and disposing of used cartons has an impact on the environment.

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PACK A PUNCH

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Teachers and students of St Teresa's Institute of Education. Santacruz, stand next to the garden bench made from used Tetra Pak cartons. **НТ РНОТО**

Recycled Tetra Pak cartons save 1 tree Recycled Tetra Pak cartons 8,000 make 1 bench Recycled Tetra Pak cartons make 6,500 1 roofing sheet Recycled Tetra Pak cartons 6,000 make 1 school desk 4.500 Recycled Tetra Pak cartons

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Some countries, such as Denmark, incinerate used cartons and use the energy from that process to generate heat and electricity. In 2007, 33% of all drink cartons in Europe were used to generate energy.

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"Go Green...Grow Green...Glow Green!"

says St. Teresa's Institute of Education in its 3G formula





The Green Highlight of the Sesquicentennial celebrations of the Congregation of the Carmelite Religious was the 'Go-Green with Tetrapak' campaign undertaken by St. Teresa's Institute of Education, Santa Cruz, This tetrapak initiative was supported by RUR (Are you Reducing, Re-using & Recycling). All the four institutions located on the campus namely, St. Teresa's Convent High School, St. Teresa's Junior College, St. Teresa's Special School & the B.Ed college worked unitedly & undauntedly towards the worthy cause of environmental protection. The venture witnessed the collection of a total of 10,500 used tetrapak cartons which were then

recycled into a collection bin & a garden bench which were inaugurated & installed at the campus on 21st January 2019 - a golden figured day in the green calendar of St. Teresa's Society.

The inaugural function was attended by Ms. Monisha Narke - Founder and CEO of RUR along with her team member Ms.Neha Mundra, Sr.Wilma Mendes - Manager of St. Teresa's Society, Dr. Sr. Tanuja Waghmare - Principal of St. Teresa's Institute of Education and the faculty and students. The project was spear-headed by Dr. Giselle D'souza and Dr. Cindrella D'mello. Dr. Sr. Tanuja stated with pride, "It is truly a green moment for the entire Teresian family.

A green dream turned to reality!" What deserves mention is the enthusiasm of the school students in walking the extra mile to reach the exorbitant target of empty tetrapaks in one month which was record breaking!

Sr. Maria Pereira - Principal of the High School deserves special acclaim for being the driving force and the wind beneath their wings. The teacher trainees of the B.Ed course served as Green Champions, sensitizing and orienting the school students to the tetrapak cut-clean-flatten process. They more importantly walked the talk and carried out the Herculean task to fruition themselves. Amidst thunderous applause

and cheer, Class VI B was declared the winner for collecting the maximum number of tetrapaks.

RUR felicitated the winners and green champions with certificates and awards for their commendable contribution. This venture alerted not only the students and teachers to safeguarding the environment, but its impact also trickled down into their homes, neighbourhoods and society at large. To mark this mega achievement Dr. Giselle D'souza jubilantly expressed, "The journey was uphill but we all agree now that every cloud indeed has a green lining! What started out as one tiny green step has culminated in a Green Revolution!



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By Prof. Dr. Giselle D'souza - 1, April 2023











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The 'Green Highlight' of the Golden Jubilee Year celebrations at St. Teresa's Institute of Education, Santacruz was titled 'पेड़ Promotion'- a Tree Landscaping Inventory of the sprawling 15,175 sq. metre campus on which the college is situated. The expansive green cover well makes it a 'Savannah' right at the heart of the city of Mumbai. The college holds a distinct green edge over other institutions on account of its innovative environmental endeavours over the past few years, ranging from the launching of the first-ever All-Mumbai Interschool/Intercollegiate Environment festival titled Planit-E, the annual Make a Difference Week to sensitise students, faculty and other stakeholders to their role in environmental stewardship, the RIPPLE model conceptualized for the Go Green with Tetra Pak Campaign and The Composting of Organic Waste to name a few.

This year, the college added a dash of green to its Golden Jubilee Year celebrations by tying up with a knowledge partner-Terracon Ecotech, a Nature-based Solutions company focusing on Ecology and Biodiversity over the last 13 years, having completed over 100 projects aimed at spreading knowledge and protecting greens in urban environments. In the first phase of the green endeavour, Mr. Ashok Jain (The Managing Director) and his team of botanists Nitesh Nikam and Gauri Joshi completed the Tree Landscaping Inventory of the campus identifying a green treasure of 101 species of plants comprising 17 native species and 15 exotic species of trees, 26 species of shrubs, 33 species of herbs and 10 species of climbers/twiners. In the second phase of the project 'Green Genie'-Tree researcher Aditi Jayakar Kane who has been involved with the Green movement in Santacruz West along with the Science club of the college, collected species-specific information about the 29 varieties of trees which were geo-tagged on the campus. To mark the Golden Jubilee Year, a Tree Information Board at the entrance of the campus and individual Tree Label placards were installed to propagate environmental awareness, making a green difference to visitors and the stakeholders of the 4 institutions housed on the campus.

The inaugural ceremony held on April 01, 2023, witnessed the appreciation of the Management, Environmental NGOs Terracon Ecotech and RUR Greenlife Pvt. Ltd. faculty, students and other environmental enthusiasts who were present. Principal Dr. Sr. Tanuja Waghmare beamed with pride as another green feather was added to the already adorned hat of the institution. She summed up the event as 'The Green Jewel in the institute's Golden Jubilee crown". The endeavour was spearheaded by Prof. Dr. Giselle D'souza who has been instrumental in conceptualizing many of the green escapades of the college. In the Professor's closing statement, she declared, "It takes a team to rock a dream and this green mission has only taken off because faculty and students of the institution are wholeheartedly committed to a green cause". Indeed, पेड़ Promotion-a student-driven endeavour truly showcases the zeal of the youth towards a greener tomorrow!

St. Teresa's Institute of Education Awarded with Highest Collection Spoke by RUR Greenlife Pvt. Ltd.

Top Performing S January - March 2 Schools	I
1. St Teresa's Institute of Education	14,251
2. Airport High School	3837
3. Canossa High School, Andheri	2291
4. Kotak Education Foundation	2229
5. AVM Bandra (West)	2000

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28.10.2022

To,

Team St. Teresa's Institute, Santacruz

Subject: Certificate of Sustainable & Decentralized Project completion

Dear Sir/Madam, Congratulations Team St. Teresa's Institute!

RUR Greenlife is pleased to inform you that Team St. Teresa's Institute has successfully completed the first compost cycle. The project was initiated on 19 Jan 2022 and since then we have been able to manage a daily load of approx 15 kg per day across 2 RURs GreenGold Aerobic Biocomposters (RGGC-S).

As per the analysis, St. Teresa's Institute generates approx 15 kg of segregated wet waste daily. Currently the segregation at source is being done and the composting process is driven smoothly by the team! St. Teresa's Institute successfully managed to compost approximately 120 kg of wet biodegradable waste into compost during their first cycle which will be used in the Garden patch.

We have handheld and explained the process to the housekeeping team who had been very enthusiastic about the project, and we are happy to see the team extremely motivated towards the entire recycling initiative. We are indeed blessed to be associated with green champions like them and the members from the society who helped in driving the project more efficiently. We are happy to inform you that the team is now confident about the entire process and troubleshooting with the composting process.

We are pleased to inform you that we have provided weekly site visits till the end of the first cycle followed by fortnightly visits during the successive cycle. We are extremely happy to see a neat and clean site maintained throughout the process. The support and patience has been extremely gratifying throughout the course of the project. We would love to hear back from you on our services provided so far.

We would like to inform you that the equipment comes with a one year warranty. Post one year, we shall send you an Annual maintenance contract proposal for

continued service and equipment maintenance. Additionally, the consumables required for the process of composting are complementary to the first cycle. For the subsequent cycle, we would encourage you to use the inhouse compost as an accelerator. Any kind of additional consumables can be procured from us at a cost.

Please be assured that our support is constantly available and we are determined to provide best services for a greener tomorrow.

Thank you, Regards,

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Mrs. Monisha Narke,

Founder CEO, RUR Greenlife Pvt Ltd.