

Global Waste Management - FROM BIN TO WIN

For the fourth consecutive year, Indore has been declared as the cleanest city in India. This comes as no surprise, as a drive around the city reveals that workers are on their toes 24 X7, picking up garbage and cleaning every nook and cranny of the city. Garbage collection vans, with their very catchy jingles, 'catch' the attention of all Indoreans as they pour out of their homes to hand over the day's garbage to the collection workers. What is more, the garbage is segregated at source which means, that people segregate their wet and dry waste before handing it over. This garbage is then made into compost, thereby making Indore not only a clean but also a green city. Needless to say, handling and processing the thousands of tons of garbage on a daily basis is a herculean task which the Indore municipal Corporation is doing with great efficiency.

With this background, when the Science department sat down to identify a suitable topic for the British Council Project, cleanliness of the city and how it came to be a reality came foremost to their minds. It was also very relevant as students are now very aware of the importance of the three Rs- reduce, reuse and recycle.

After a detailed discussion, the topic decided was: Global Waste Management - FROM BIN TO WIN

The action plan was finalized and soon all the students and the educators of Class VI swung into action. The students were divided into groups and they studied the waste management practices in use. Further, they visited the waste management sites in the city and also had an interactive session with the officials there. They made posters to motivate their school mates to follow better waste management practices. The icing on the cake was the talk by an expert on this topic.

The collaboration with our international partner Harper Park Middle School, USA proved to be very enriching. Students of Class VI were delighted to know that the US takes waste management as seriously as we do.

On the whole, working on this project had a huge impact on the students. We found more and more students replacing their plastic bags with cloth bags. Many motivated their parents to get compost bins for their homes.

Global Waste Management was a very engaging and enriching project which will contribute in a big way towards a cleaner and greener environment.

