



Solid Waste Management



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District Collector visit

Mr. Dinesh Ponraj Oliver, District Collector of Ramanathapuram visited the Municipality thrice to review the precautionary measures in place to contain COVID-19 spread. During the visits, he gave instructions to Municipal officials to follow.



Waste collection and processing



Door-to-Door waste collection was conducted on a daily basis by Green Friends in the Municipality during the entire month. The collected waste is further segregated and treated at the Resource Recovery Park (RRP).

COVID-19 preventive measures

Health Screening

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, health screening of 144 Green Friends and field staff has been made mandatory in the MSWM project on Mondays and Thursdays every week. Team members' body temperature, pulse and oxygen level are monitored using Infrared Thermometer and Pulse Oximeter. This practice ensures presence of healthy people in daily MSWM operations.

'A Message A Day' programme

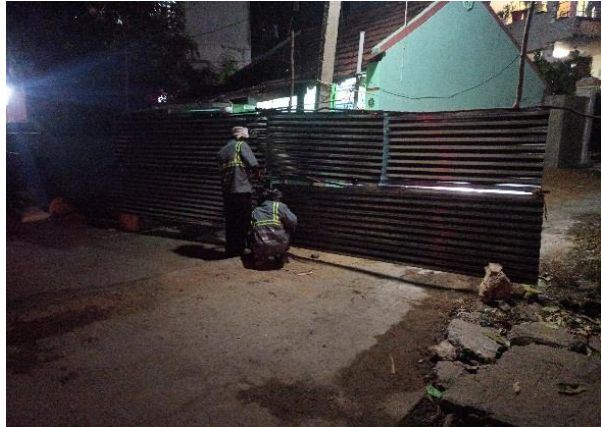
COVID-19 sensitization programmes were conducted in the Municipality to create awareness on COVID-19 pandemic. In this unique programme, one message every day on the precautionary measures was disseminated in the community.

Special Activity

As COVID-19 containment measures, the MSWM team conducted various sanitation activities in the Municipality.

Barricading containment zones:

The MSWM team helped in installing tin sheets to barricade containment zones to control the movement of people.



Spraying disinfectants in containment zones:



Disinfection work was also carried out on the main streets as well as Government and Educational institutions.

Green friends passed the testing time

The emergence of the pandemic did not hinder or decelerate the MSWM services at any point in time in the Municipality. The MSWM team, beyond executing regular work, assisted in government initiatives for ensuring safety to the public. Green Friends assisted the Municipality in collecting waste from quarantined households, applied bleaching powder and sprayed disinfectants, conducted awareness programmes and marked lines to ensure social distancing.

Beyond all these, the MSWM team in Rameswaram assisted the Municipality in handling the corpses of people died due to COVID-19 complications as well. During this testing time, Green Friends adhered to all safety protocols and continued to support the Municipality in engaging JCBs, digging and closing of pits after burial, and disinfecting the area. Green Friends need to be appreciated for their efforts even during night time to safely bury the deceased.



MCC activities

Mr. Shравan Kumar Tiwari from Vivekananda Kendra -Ayodhya who is part of the Green Ayodhya Project visited the MCC for exposure to waste management practices in the Municipality.

