Solid Waste Management

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Door to door awareness programme

11 Door-to-Door Awareness programmes were conducted in the Municipality on 3rd, 6th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, 27th, 29th, and 31st July at Rajiv Gandhi Nagar-Ward-1, Sivagami Nagar-Ward-2 (100), Pathrakaliyammam Kovil Street-ward-7, Bharathi Nagar-ward-8, Thetcherkollai Street-ward-11, Pallivasal Street-ward-12, Muthusavadi Street-ward-13, west Street-ward-14, west car street-ward-15, Nethaji Nagar-ward-18, and Natarajanpuram-ward-29, respectively. 1100 households were sensitized on MSWM and segregation of waste at source through these programmes.

Source segregation programme

Seven Source Segregation Demonstration programmes were organized on 2nd, 7th, 18th, 23rd, 27th, and 30th at Pallivasal Street-ward-12, Muthusavadi Street-ward-13, west car street-ward-15, west Street-ward-14, Nethaji Nagar-ward-18, and Serankottai Karaiyur-ward-21, respectively. Around 70 residents got benefited through these programmes, the field staff and Green Friends conducted awareness to households in each ward on the types of waste, segregation of waste and the importance and benefits of recycling. A live demonstration on source segregation was organized for the public.
People’s movement - plastic awareness programme

A special Plastic awareness programme was conducted as part of the municipality’s initiative to emphasize on marine litter and plastic waste management. The various awareness activities focusing on plastic waste were conducted to school students and the public, at two locations, namely S.B. A Girls Higher Secondary School -ward 10 on 5th, and Sudukattanpatti -ward -5 on 22nd July. Around 35 people participated during the event and were sensitized on plastic waste and its effect on human health and environment. This special programme will be conducted weekly once regularly within the municipality under the supervision of the Regional Director for the Municipality Administrative (RDMA).

Special mass cleaning programme

A special cleaning programme was conducted including all the main roads, Agni Teertham, four Cross Street and other streets and lanes with the municipality limits. This cleaning work was carried out for almost a week and around 30 green friends worked additionally apart from their daily cleaning work. This special cleaning work was carried out as per the request from the municipality.
Regional director for the Municipality Administrative (RDMA) visit

The Municipal RDMA Mr. C. Saravanan visited the water bodies, toilet facilities, drinking waste facility and the SWM activities on 22\textsuperscript{nd} July at kattupillaiy ar kovil street-ward 2. He visited the project location as part of the regular inspection; such visits are carried out monthly twice.

**Amavasai special cleaning**

Amavasai is a special day for our ancestors. It is believed that the spirits of our ancestors visit the family members on this day. It is an important day to express gratitude, seek forgiveness, and ask for blessings from our departed family members. To commemorate the same people from all over India visit Rameswaram to perform various rituals and around 3-4 lakh people visit the place during this time. These rituals end up in generation of humongous amount of mixed waste. On the 16th July around 50 tons of waste was collected which is almost twice the amount of daily waste generation (20 tons), followed by 30 ton on 17\textsuperscript{th} and 18\textsuperscript{th}.

**Dead body removal**

The green friends recovered a dead body near the Agni-Thirthamon 30\textsuperscript{th} and surrendered the same to the local police. This work was carried out as requested by the local municipality.