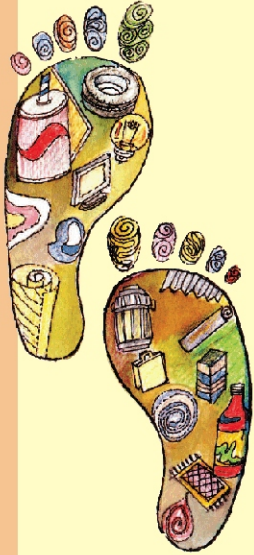


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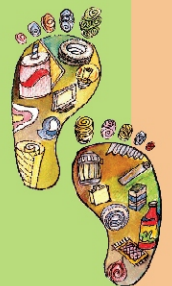
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The Khoshoo Endowment Fund and Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, along with The Teacher Foundation, Wipro, IAIM-FRLHT and Pravah launched the TN Khoshoo Ecology and Environment Award for Schools in 2010. The aim of these awards was to encourage schools to promote environmental thought and action with emphasis on action, and therefore better environmental stewardship.

Schools were selected for the creativity and implementation of projects geared towards locally relevant environmental and ecological issue. For the TN Khoshoo Ecology and Environment Award for Schools 2011, two schools from Bangalore, and two from Delhi were selected.

From Bangalore KK English High School (first prize) and Sri Vani Education Center (second prize), and from Delhi, Salwan Public School (first prize) and Father Agnel School (second prize). These awards were presented by Dr. Elinor Ostrom, 2009 Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences, Distinguished Professor, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA and Mr Rajiv Khoshoo (son of the late Dr TN Khoshoo).



The students of Salwan Public School are receiving TN Khoshoo Ecology and Environment Award for Schools for their project called "Parivarthan". The aim of this project was to raise awareness in the neighbourhood regarding plastic waste by distributing cloth bags made from their old clothes. The event was initially advertised among the residents using pamphlets; a door-to-door campaign was conducted along with a street campaign where hundreds of pamphlets were distributed amongst evening walkers. A stall was set up and

housed two tailors who stitched cloth bags from the old clothes purchased by the residents. The stall ran for three days a different location on each day and attracted the attention of the Senior Scientific Officer from the Ministry of the Environment, Dr. B. C. Sabata and Mr. Peter Andre, a representative of Tetra Pak. The students additionally organized a zero-waste lunch at a local eatery called "Udipi Eating House".



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Father Agnel School came 2nd place with their initiative titled, "Kabaad se Jugaad". This involved creating a no waste environment by recycling waste generated in the school to make useful products. To do this, they prepared alum crystals using aluminium extracted from waste aluminium foil and tetra packs and used the crystals; the alum crystals could be used as a natural astringent. In addition, they made products like curtains, coaster, table mats, slippers, and photo frames using discarded tetra packs. Organic waste was used make floor cleanser for rust and permanent marker stains. Note pads and folders were made with waste paper and cardboard, old cotton dupattas, jute strings, and natural glue.



The KK English High School is being awarded for its solid waste management project. The students crafted a campaign for wet and dry waste management. The campaign was aimed at teachers, students, and local residents and corporations. The school has scheduled a 'plastic day' once a week during which plastics are collected and given to K.K. plastics to be recycled. The students of KK English High School have collected 1500 kilograms of plastics! Finally, the students ensure that wet waste is composted; this is done with the help of recently purchased sheep.



Sri Vani Education Center Bangalore 2nd Place. The students of Sri Vani Education Center have been awarded the TN Khoshoo Ecology and Environment Award for Schools for conducting research on waste management and documenting their efforts on film.



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