

DECEMBER 2022 | BENGALURU



FIRST & FOREMOST...

A Happy New Year from all of us at SWMRT. We hope this year brings you health, peace and happiness.

For us, 2022 was a great year as we achieved several meaningful milestones. We are excited to see what 2023 has in store for us. Thank you so much for being a part of our success and helping us achieve our goals. We couldn't have done it without you!

We ended the year by celebrating the 7th anniversary of 2bin1bag which was mandated by the Karnataka High Court back on December 17, 2015. The order made it clear that all the waste generators in Bengaluru must adopt the two-bins-and-one-bag system to segregate waste at source. This 2bin1bag sums up the aspirations, research, efforts and dreams of a whole lot of committed citizens working over the years to find a solution to our overwhelming garbage problem.

WtE WRAP-UP



We started Season 2 of with a focus on SMALL INCINERATORS. We imagine waste incineration to be happening in large, far away facilities. However, there are 'Waste Burning' devices that could be getting installed right under your nose, in public and community toilets! They cause significantly more pollution per kg of waste burnt compared to medium and large incinerators because the infrastructure required for controlling emissions in WTE plants is expensive to install and operate, which small incinerators are unable to afford. Small incinerators generate a lot of pollution during their multiple start/stop operations many times a day.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Savita Hiremath's book *Endlessly Green: Solid Waste Management for Everyone*, published jointly by Simon & Schuster and Yoda Press, won the Green Literature Festival 'Honour Book Award for Business Literature' recently. Savita's book looks at the history, the science and the art of composting and sustainable waste management through a kaleidoscope of moral, philosophical and ethical intricacies. The book is available on Amazon.

SWM WORKSHOP IN COLLABORATION WITH NITYA JAIVIKA

SWMRT collaborated with Nitya Jaivika to conduct a workshop on sustainable living and home composting for the parents and teachers of Parisara Montessori in Mahalakshimpuram last weekend.

The workshop was organised for 30+ participants who found the session valuable. Our workshops are interactive with live demonstrations and curated for specific target audience. Write to info@swmrt.com to conduct a workshop with us.



RENT A CUTLERY



A cutlery bank is when an individual or group of individuals buy and maintain cutlery sets that can be used at events. It is a movement making low-waste events a possibility. Cutlery banks offer plates, spoons and forks on rent to reduce the consumption of single-use disposables. By renting and reusing cutlery, we can reduce the amount of waste generated, minimise carbon emissions and prevent trees from being cut and water from being polluted.

The purpose of the Rent-a-Cutlery guide compiled by SWMRT is to aid in organising sustainable and disposable-free events.

To download the document, please visit this link: <https://www.swmrt.com/rent-a-cutlery>.

BRAINSTORM

SWMRT member Vasuki Iyengar conducted an in-person session at Nandi Deepa apartments. The session was hosted by Bangalore Apartment Federation as a means to help connect communities working towards a holistic waste management setup.

Vasuki addressed the participants on setting up segregation at source, community composting followed by a physical assessment of the community.

SWMRT has engaged with many communities in Bengaluru to support waste segregation and in situ composting through workshops, awareness visits to SGKK and engaging demonstrations.



THE HEARTBEAT



THE MONTH THAT WAS

- Instagram Live: World Soil Day | In conversation with Shilpa Reddy, Vani Murthy and Savita Hiremath | Dec 4.
- Sustainable Living and Home Composting Workshop: SWMRT collaborated with Nitya Jaivika to conduct a workshop for teachers and parents of Parisara Montessori | Dec 3.
- Outreach visit: The team hosted 90 students from Sishu Graha school at SGKK | Dec 9.
- TEDxKanke: Nalini Shekar shared her experience on working in waste management and livelihoods | Dec 10.
- Solid Waste Management Online Workshop: An evening with Shalini Charles and members of the Rotary Club of Nilgiris West | Dec 12.
- Celebrating 7 years of 2b1b, Webinar: In conversation with Preeti Maheshwari, Soumya Vishwanathan, Malini Parmar and Shalini Charles | Dec 17.
- Expert talks: Anuradha Govind conducted an online session for communities in Bengaluru focused on segregation, composting and dry and medical waste disposal | Dec 17.
- Workshop: Vasuki Iyengar conducted a workshop at Nandi Deepa apartments on composting | Dec 18.
- Expert talks: Shalini Charles addressed students and faculty of Kodagu Institute of Medical Science on waste management and composting | Dec 21.
- TEDxABBS: Vasuki Iyengar spoke at Acharya Bangalore B-School on composting | Dec 22..



(From top) 1. A group photo from a field trip organised for Sishu Graha students 2. A volunteer holds worms at SGKK. 3. Instagram lives hosted in the month of December

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