

JUNE 2022 | BENGALURU



The SWMRT members after a recent team meeting.

FIRST & FOREMOST...

The SwachaGraha Kalika Kendra (SGKK) weekend volunteering programme has been gaining momentum.

The Centre is now equipped with tools to enhance volunteering experiences. In the third week of June, a bunch of passionate volunteers got their hands dirty sowing seeds, maintaining the garden and sieving the compost.

If you want a holistic, outdoor and learning amidst greenery, SGKK is the place for you (pics in 'The Heartbeat' section).

Check out the snapshot below which gives you an overview of all the visitors who flocked SGKK in the last quarter. From educational institutes to municipalities to individual walk-ins, we had them all!

SGKK VISITORS REPORT		
APRIL MAY JUNE 2022	NO OF GROUPS	NO OF PEOPLE
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES	09	298
MUNICIPALITIES	03	92
COMPANIES	03	49
APARTMENTS	07	19
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	02	16
INDIVIDUAL HOMES	NA	04
WALK-INS	NA	03
TOTAL	24	481

STRENGTHENING WARD COMMITTEES

BBMP Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath attended a brainstorming session organised by Janaagaraha on June 4. SWMRT Member Sandya Narayanan represented the Citizens Participation Programme along with the members of Whitefield Rising, ChangeMakers of Kanakapura Road, Sensing Local, Citizens for Bengaluru, Association for Promoting Social Action and Bangalore Apartments' Federation.



The outcome of the session was positive with the Commissioner showing keen interest and enthusiasm in empowering ward committees in Bengaluru.

Future reforms to be made by BBMP:

1. A ward panel monitoring cell.
2. A standard format for conducting ward panel meetings.
3. Nodal officers in all wards.
4. Zonal level administration.
5. Introducing an escalation process to divisional level, among others.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

'Ruthu Prema'—a programme that promotes sustainable menstrual hygiene—has been a resounding success in Siddipet, Telangana. Minister for Finance T Harish Rao's dedication has been driving the initiative, helping create a safe and sustainable environment for women.

It gives us great pleasure to see SWMRT Member Dr Shanthi Tummala heading this campaign at full throttle. Over the last month, she has been campaigning in Ward 5, 7, 37 and 437, and playing a pivotal role in hand-holding 10,000 ongoing transformations in Siddipet district alone.

To facilitate this campaign, tailors in Siddipet have been locally sourcing and producing cloth pads. This is an initiative supported by StoneSoup and Setwin.



COMPOSTING HABBA

As you all know, the new mandate from BBMP puts the onus of processing wet waste squarely on apartments/gated communities. In other words, in situ composting.

On June 11, 20 communities visited SGKK to celebrate 'The Composting Habba' which spoke volumes for the enthusiasm shown by the communities who gathered details on different methods of community composting. This event, covered in a local publication, was a phenomenal success!



Look out for the next 'Composting Habba' at SGKK to decide which composter suits you the best.

BRAINSTORM

Vani Murthy conducted a session at Ramaiah Institute of Technology on June 9. She addressed the gathering on SWM and the connection between food and soil. Write to us at info@swmrt.com if you want us to conduct sessions on SWM and sustainability.



THE HEARTBEAT



World Environment Day wrap-up: A lot of events took place at SGKK with community volunteering stealing the thunder. Several SWMRT members got busy both online and offline to share their knowledge on multiple aspects of SWM and sustainability.

THE MONTH THAT WAS

Expert Talks - Online session by Vani Murthy for Kaledidofin, June 2.

Outdoor event - Stall at Future Cities event at Bangalore Creative Circus, June 4.

Workshop - Composting workshop by Savita Hiremath at Bhoomi Habba, Visthar, Sunday, June 4.

InstaLive - 'Only One Earth' with Manasa Varanasi, Vani murthy, Savita Hiremath & Pinky Chandran, June 5.

Workshop - Awareness on waste segregation by Shalini Charles, Kodagu Institute of Medical Science, June 5.

Expert Talks - SWM and sustainable living by Savita Hiremath for Faiveley, June 9.

Expert Talks - Online session by Vasuki Iyengar for Management and Science University, Malaysia, June 24.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE & INSTAGRAM FOR INFO ON OUR UPCOMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & A LOT MORE.