

STAKEHOLDERS COME TOGETHER TO MANAGE WASTE BETTER

Wake-up call on garbage crisis sounded loud & clear

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Bangalore: Starting today, Bangalore will celebrate waste, art from waste, understand what can be done to rid the city of garbage and reclaim the glory of Garden City. 'Wake Up Clean Up Bangalore' at Freedom Park will see a host of events and stakeholders interacting to understand why and how waste should be reduced, recycled and reused.

On all seven days of the fair, there will be Power Breakfasts where a civic expert, solid waste management activist or expert or administrator will make a presentation and engage participants in discussions. The programmes are scheduled in such a way that every day each section of waste generators can be trained to manage waste.

"We should aim at having no more dumping sites but make all of them waste pro-

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cessing sites. We must try to convert all processed waste into forms of fuel and energy and promote decentralization of waste collection," said Vaman Acharya, chairman, KSPCB.

So did Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, CEO, Biocon, who said, "When such challenges come up, we should come out with innovative ideas to tackle them for a longer period of time. Some years ago in BATEF, we started an initiative to gear up for a cleaner, greener city but we lost the momentum. We must all participate in solid waste management and not blame the BBMP alone. I'm sure we're looking at it systematically and trying to salvage the Bangalore's brand image."

Vinita Bali said her industries in Bangalore have already



FOR BETTER TOMORROW: In this latest initiative, Freedom Park will see a host of events on various ways of waste management

Schedule of Events	
Monday	traders
Tuesday	hotels, convention halls and malls
Wednesday	hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centres
Thursday	corporate houses
Friday	apartment residents and resident welfare associations
Saturday/Sunday	cultural programmes
Monday to Friday	8:15am to 4pm - visits by school children
Wednesday afternoon	pourakarmikas
Saturday afternoon	slum dwellers
Sunday afternoon	garbage contractors

fuel extracted from plastic waste. We're trying to make our campuses garbage-free zones and recycling all the dry waste we generate," she said.

BBMP chief Siddaiah said two key players in solid waste

children and their health. They still doing a menial job but a very important one. We must show them respect, offer help from the community and empower them and build that connect so that segregation can be

reduced 1 tonne of waste generated and dispatched to BBMP in recent times. "We as industries have a responsibility to inculcate good practices. Two of our industries in Tamil Nadu already run on polymer

management are waste generators and pourakarmikas. "The pourakarmikas have been treated very poorly which aggravates the problem. We should understand that they're worried about educating their

taken forward," he said.

The Habba is an initiative of BBMP and NGOs like Solid Waste Management Round Table (SWMRT), City Connect, The Alternative along with the KSPCB.

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Need time to clean up city: BBMP chief

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Bangalore: A maximum of six months is what the BBMP needs to find an alternative site to dump and treat the city's garbage. Until then Mandur will have to squirm and bear. This was the admission by the civic body's boss Siddaiah. A day after the fire breakout in the landfill areas of Mandur, the BBMP commissioner told TOI that the BBMP needs more time to identify land, set up processing units and embark on waste management.

"The fire is under control and we have been monitoring it. It was obviously a signal sent by villagers that they will not give us any more time to resolve the crisis. But the alternatives are not in place yet. We would need about four months or maximum six months to identify lands, set up decentralized waste processing units and assess the environmental and health impact of people living around," he said.

He also said that even after such units are set up and waste processing in decentralized manner begins in the city, BBMP will not be able to completely do away with Mandur. "We want to clean up the landfill in Mandur, set up a processing unit in the existing land owned by the BBMP and see to it that the unit does not have an adverse impact on residents' health thereafter," he added.

Although the fire has been controlled for now by covering the flames with heaps of mud, officials fear that it could break out again. They said they would monitor the situation over the next three days and have sent a patrol team too.