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Garbage system in Presidency College and Kempapura – A Study

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Report

Bangalore roadsides especially in Kempapura are turning into garbage dumps, passersby have to hold their breath while walking past certain parts of the area due to the foul rotten stench. There is an increasing necessity for reducing the amount of garbage being dumped on the sidewalks by private companies as well as by the residents of Kempapura.

Plastic bottles, pieces of tiles, leftovers of food etc. are carelessly dumped on the roadsides. Accumulation of garbage can increase the risk of contracting salmonella which causes typhoid fever, gastroenteritis and other major diseases. It also causes air and land pollution. Improper garbage disposal can also attract many insects that cause a lot of discomfort to the residents of the area.

Several residents have voiced their opinions on maintaining the cleanliness of the city. Mr. John George, a Resident of Kempapura said, “It’s not someone else’s responsibility to pick up litter. It’s our responsibility”. Another resident, Mrs. Grace Varghese said, “Every citizen must treat

their city as their own home and should make sure to avoid littering the roadsides. It is every citizen's duty to keep the surroundings clean.”

The process of reducing and controlling the amount of roadside trash must start at an individual level. Citizens should also follow the 3R's – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and take part in Clean Up activities held by NGO's and other organizations. BBMP instructs the residents of the city to segregate wet waste from dry waste and dispose both to the workers from BBMP who collect garbage from the households on a daily basis.

Cleanliness is integral to the very functioning of Presidency College in Kempapura. Many measures have been taken to organize garbage collection and disposal in the college campus. The house-keeping staff of the college effectively cleans the entire campus twice a day. In order to facilitate effective garbage collection on the campus, dust bins have been put up at every corner of the college. The canteen sports separate dust bins for wet waste, dry waste and recyclable waste. At the end of each day all the waste collected on the campus is transferred to biodegradable garbage bags and is then handed over to the BBMP.

Cleanliness is the direct implication of awareness. Recognizing this fact, Presidency College has organized various awareness activities through clubs like the Eco club and the Rotract club. An organized garbage disposal system is therefore essential to keep our surroundings clean and hygienic.