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## A step forward towards sustainable development by this school in Delhi

In its recent sustainable move, 53 years old MM Public School, Pitampura, curated a project, 'We are 3Rs'. This project aims to provide "experiential training to students to reduce, reuse and recycle waste". An interactive online session on 'Polymers on the move' conducted by Michaela Schaller from Borouge Company, and workshops for students by Indian Center for Plastic in the Environment (ICPE) with renowned personalities like Dr Poonam Gupta, Masters in Polymer Sciences, Dr SK Ray, Executive Secretary, ICPE, and Dr Payal Nandurkar motivated students to manage plastic and e-waste for sustainable development and to replace plastic bottles, lunch boxes and polythene bags with steel *bartans* and cloth bags.

The school claims, "Students applied this knowledge and prepared cloth napkins, aprons and cloth/paper bags, etc from old bed sheets and T-shirts and gifted them to the visitors. The workshop on reuse and recycle by Dr Radhika Anand, acclaimed green ambassador for NSG, CISF and BSF aimed at inspiring students to conceptualise the idea of WOW (wonder out of waste) garden."

Another workshop was conducted that highlighted the importance of saving soil for sustainable living. Sambit Patra,



(L-R) Rooma Pathak, principal, Sambit Patra, Chairman of India Tourism Development Corporation and National Spokesperson of BJP, Manish Khandelwal, GM Marketing of GAIL, Sudheer Khurana, System Manager of Indian Centre for Plastic in the Environment, and Somesh Rishi Pathak, school's director

along with Sudheer Khurana and Manish Khandelwal were also present at the event. The school's team says, "They inaugurated the innovative garden made by the students using 1,200 to 1,500 discarded single-use bottles, old toys, clothes, tyres, shoes and other waste products."

Students also planted a number of trees in and around the garden. "They also constructed an eco-wall using single-use plastic bottles, bicycles and a well using discarded tyres and plastic material. The initiative was planned by the school's principal Rooma Pathak, who stressed the need to practise 3Rs that can help in saving the landfill space and natural resources for the future and preventing pollution," shares the school's team.

