

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA KANJIKODE

WRITE-UP OF ACTIVITIES TOWARDS SWACHH VIDYALAYA

Kendriya Vidyalaya Kanjikode has been known for the maintenance of its cleanliness ever since its inception. Silhouetted by the Western Ghats on the Western side, the Vidyalaya is located in a sprawling campus of over 8 acres. The lush green environment of the Vidyalaya provides a cooling effect to the eye and has always been commented upon by any visitor who steps into the campus. The overall cleanliness of the Vidyalaya has also been appreciated by one and all, especially the Inspection Teams that visit the Vidyalaya annually. The cleaning staff begin their work at 8.00 am, well before the school commences. Throughout the day, they are involved in cleaning the corridors, toilets and classrooms. Moreover the initiatives taken by the administration in the form of Best Practices like 'Swadharna', 'My School, My Responsibility', and 'The Seed Club' have also been instrumental in instilling a sense of responsibility in the minds of students and teachers in keeping the campus clean.

'Swadharna' is the Belongingness Drive which was taken up as a School Project keeping in mind the objectives like, inculcating the sense of belongingness in the students, ensuring that the classrooms and immediate surroundings are kept neat and clean, making the students self-disciplined so that they take up the responsibility on their own, without any external compulsion, reducing the amount of waste accumulated in the classrooms and ensuring that the students do not leave any of their belongings in their classrooms. Swachhta Monitors have been appointed for each class and it is their duty to ensure that the class is clean from the beginning to the end of the day. They have been given badges so that they would feel the sense of responsibility entrusted with them. It was noted that the students given the duty of collecting things from their classes after 2: 40 pm were quite serious about their work. It was also observed that in two weeks time, the number of things left behind by the students had reduced considerably. Moreover, the dustbins were removed from each class and a common dustbin has been placed at the end of each corridor. It was noticed that the waste paper generated in each class was reduced to the minimum.

Surprise Inspections by the teachers and also the cleaning staff, in addition to the scheduled inspections of classrooms, is conducted. Those classes where there are no belongings left behind by the students for one whole week are given Certificates in the Morning Assembly.

Of the many objectives of the 'My Class, My Responsibility' Project proper turn out to school and proper maintenance of classrooms and the school environs are also taken up for evaluation. Surprise checks are conducted in the Morning Assembly by the Class Teachers and also the Students' Council members regarding the turn –out of the students. The uniform, hair do/hair cutting, shoes and nails of the students are checked regularly. This is another area where the Vidyalaya has been appreciated by the authorities quite often. This has also helped in ensuring the personal hygiene of the students along with the follow-up of the regular Medical Check-ups.



The Seed Club looks into the maintenance of the greenery in the campus. The members of the Club have planted a Vegetable Garden and also are involved in nurturing the saplings that are received from various organizations or from the students of the school, who donate saplings/ books, instead of distributing toffees on their birthdays. A Mini Forest is also a part of the Go Green Drive. The hundred saplings that had been planted twenty years ago have now shot up as tall trees. No tree had been cut for the

construction of the annex. At the same time, the Children's Park of the Primary Section and the Science Park of the Secondary Section have been set up under the shade of the canopies of trees. The members of the Nature Club and also the school gardener have nurtured a beautiful garden in the campus. Potted plants are kept in the corridor at the entrance. Season Watch is yet another Project taken up by the Club. This year the Inspecting Panel was welcomed with a sapling each, which have been planted in the school premises.



Separate toilets have been provided for girls and boys at the end of each corridor/row. These are cleaned at least three times during the working hours. An insinator has been installed in one of the toilets for the proper disposal of the sanitary napkins.

Drinking water outlets are also available on each floor. Purified water is made available through certified water filters to the students during the working hours. Timely maintenance of these filters and the cleaning of the water tank are also done regularly.

Pip e Composting is practised to do away with the bio-degradable wastes. The non-biodegradable wastes are deposited at the collection points meant for the same. The waste paper is recycled in the paper shredder donated by the alumni of the Vidyalaya and props for

skits and chalk boxes are made from the pulp. The students have made dusters from cloth, thus replacing the ones with plastic/wooden bases.

Seed packets have been distributed to the students and they have been asked to reach out to their immediate surroundings by distributing them to their neighbours , keeping a record of the activities that they do with the seeds. The awareness regarding the need to have one's own vegetable garden has been spread in this way. The students of the Vidyalaya had gone on a 'Swachhta Run' of three kilometers, holding posters related to cleanliness. At the same time, inter-class and inter-house competitions like drawing and painting, slogan writing, poster making, debate, essay writing , bulletin board arrangement, based on cleanliness are held on a regular basis.

In short, the combined effort of the staff, students and the administration has helped in transforming the Vidyalaya into a Clean and Green Campus.