

DATE:- 7 th NOVEMBER, 2019.

EVENT:- PAPER STRAW DISTRIBUTION DRIVE 2019

NO. OF VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATED:- 30

Plastic has become a great threat to the environment. Plastics, in all forms- straws, bottles, packaging, bags, etc. are all choking our planet because enough plastic is thrown away each year to circle the earth four times. If using plastic is a need, then recycling it must be a necessity. Recycling turns things into other things which is somewhat like magic. One by one helping hands to this threat can we can ensure the better of our society. Once the plastic straws are used they are destined for landfill, where they'll remain for centuries without breaking down. Or they end up as litter in our open spaces or in the oceans, where they can easily become harmful to marine life — by now I'm sure we've all seen the heartbreaking photos and videos of a turtle having to have a plastic straw removed from its nostril. So, the main objective of GO GREEN was to encourage people from ground level to use paper straws instead of the plastic one's. As plastic is sturdy whereas paper is much more flexible. This means that even if a paper straw did make its way to the ocean, it's much less likely to be harmful to marine animals. It's also much more likely to biodegrade, or at least disintegrate, over time — whereas plastic straws are with us forever or the minimum of it will be used for innovation by the brilliant scientists as was used by the ISRO scientists in making of the MANGAL YAAN (PSLV-C25/Mars Orbiter Mission) which used Composite Fibre Reinforced Plastic (CFRP). Thus to implement this plan and start the initiative to decrease plastic waste from our nearby society, our main audience were the food trucks and stalls in nearby areas of KIIT ROAD, INFOCITY, DLF and GALAXIA GARDENS. We were split into groups to talk and encourage the sellers to use the paper straws and also provide them with a few for trial. This was not be a one time event, as we later visited them for their feedback regarding this and also provided a paper poster regarding the awareness to use plastic straws and tried to make sure that they continue using the paper straws in the near future. This plan was executed on 7th December at 3:30 pm .This initiative by NSS SCE was truly an eye opener. We as the youth should take the responsibility to ensure the future of our country and our planet is safe and we must adopt the necessary measures to see it flourish for the descendents.