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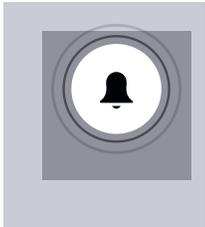
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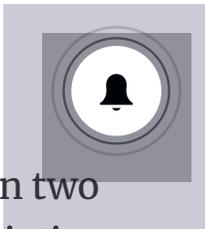
Puducherry School Bags Change Maker Award

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PUDUCHERRY: Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), a residential central school in Periyakalpet, Puducherry, bagged the Change Maker Award instituted by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi.





Every year CSE scrutinises and selects 20 schools at the national level in two categories — old schools and new schools — that have undertaken initiatives

JNV is a fully residential co-educational institution established in 1980-1981 under Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

Researcher Nandhivarman said two researchers, he and Golda from the Department of Ecology and Environmental Sciences, Pondicherry University, planned to develop a 'Green School', by changing their inefficient waste management practices into sustainable best management practices.

To fuel this initiative, the researchers implemented the 'Green Campus Initiative (GCI)', joining hands with Principal of JNV Vinayathan, Vice Principal Kamalam, and an NGO.

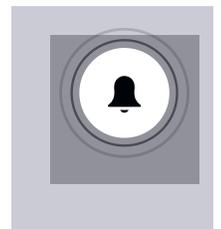
The GCI was implemented within 100 working days with the help of students, teaching and non teaching staff, he said.

Nandhivarman said, "Based on the observation carried out by the researchers, students and guide teachers over the last one-and-a-half years, the JNV campus prevented the entry of organic solid waste into the municipality by 100 per cent. The waste is converted into useful compost/ vermicompost/ organic vegetables, thereby restoring the soil ecosystem."

Golda, co-researcher of the project said, "In the sites where these components were implemented, the habitat for biodiversity is getting restored and also a 'micro climate' is being altered with a temperature reduction of one to two degrees Celsius."

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