

SADABAI RAISONI WOMEN'S COLLEGE, NAGPUR
(AFFILIATED TO SNTD WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY, MUMBAI)

NIRMALAYA PROJECT

22nd & 23rd September 2018

Objective: Protection of Environment

One of the biggest outputs of the Ganesh Chaturthi festival is tonnes of 'Nirmalya' - the offerings collected during the immersion. These offerings are made of several items: flower garlands, fruits, coconuts, spices, honey and camphor. While most of the offerings themselves are made of natural items, they come wrapped in plastic bags, plastic boxes or glass bottles.

Traditionally, these items were meant to be immersed with the Ganesh idols, as an offering back to nature. However, since immersion of these on large scale is bound to cause environmental problems. On 22nd September, 35 students of SRWC participated in a rally organised by the Rotary club of Nagpur to increase the awareness about the eco friendly disposal of Nirmalaya amongst the common man. On the 23rd of September 2018 the students successfully convinced devotees to deposit their 'nirmalya' in the gunny bags that were given to them.

This project was successfully carried out at Futala Lake, Nagpur.

Participants: 30

Teacher Incharge: Dr. Shakti Sharma

Student Incharge: 1. Rutuja Anjankar (B.Sc IT 2nd Year)

2. Shivani Sarve (BCA 2nd Year)

Learning Outcomes:

- People were made aware as to how festivals could be celebrated in an eco-friendly way.
- Environmental friendly disposal of Nirmalaya.

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