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The kids learn, as they lead, as they clean

Mumbai used to generate 10,000 metric tonnes of waste daily. Most of it goes mixed and untreated into dumps, one of which is ten storey's high. The problem needs everybody, but everybody to help solve it. Many households did.

So, currently, in mid-2018 7,000 metric tonnes go to the dumps every day. The goal is to reduce this vast quantity to 3,000 metric tonnes a day.

Something that everybody can do but does not do is segregate domestic waste into wet and dry for differentiated handling. If this were done, less and less waste would go to the dumps. Mumbai would save hundreds of crores every year on transport of waste and on suitable treatment of it. The solution lies in homes. But where to begin?



School children as change agents in society worked well in an AGNI programme for the civic elections in 2017. A record voter turnout of 55.53% of those enrolled was recorded against merely 40% in 2012. The kids were an important part of the city's election promotion package.

Ms. Shyama Kulkarni who led the MCGM elections thrust will take charge of AGNI schools **Swachh Mumbai Abhiyan**. 300 schools have been listed for visiting by AGNI Coordinators. This would reach a potential six lakh students or 12 lakh parent citizens.

Forms will be distributed by the Coordinators to the schools and the children, which they will take to their parents and cajole them to start segregation of waste and then get housing societies to do the same.

Dry waste will be collected by the BMC and NGO vehicles. The wet waste will be composted for use as manure in Society gardens or open spaces.

AGNI hopes to get Assistant Municipal Commissioners of the City's Wards to identify locations in the Wards, where composting can be conducted, if it cannot be done in housing societies.