

## Green School Programme launched to spread awareness among children

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**Pune** : Environmental issues, waste management, transportation, civic issues. How many children today are aware of these? Confined within the strict schedules of classes, structured activities and tuitions, children today are far away from these realities that affect their day-to-day life. To address this very gap, SWaCH, Parisar and CEE have launched a Green School Programme.

The programme aims to enhance schoolchildrens' perspective on environment, sustainability and related issues, understand and bridge gaps in their knowledge through theme-based modules or sessions, help students and teachers carry out action-based projects leading to environment conservation, and also help schools set up and implement best practices of solid and e-waste management.

The programme also seeks to help schools reach out to parents to make them partners in the process of environmental conservation, particularly, waste management. Through the medium of hands on activities, the programme will cover topics like water, waste, energy, biodiversity, heritage and culture and traffic and transportation. To ensure the sustainability of the programme, parents and teachers too will be part of the activities. The programme will engage participants in their immediate environment through innovative techniques like a green audit of the school, housing complex and reusing and recycling paper.

To avail the programme, schools will have to pay the fees. They have the option of availing one level at Rs 1,500 or all the three levels at Rs 20,000. The programme has been thrown open for sponsorships where individuals or corporates can sponsor the programme in municipality-run schools or schools that cannot afford the fees, said a release issued here.