

PRESS NOTE

GOODBYE POLYTHENE BAGS

More than 28,000 Cloth Bags distributed by DBRAIT



As a part of National Campaign against 'Single-Use Plastic' called by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, the trainees of Fashion & Apparel Design and Garment Making Courses under Skill Development Program of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Institute of Technology, distributed more than 28,000 handmade Cloth Bags, free of cost to the general public on 2nd October 2019, 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The distribution of Cloth Bags was done from different locations across Andaman & Nicobar Islands under the slogan 'Goodbye Polythene Bags'. These Cloth Bags were stitched by the trainees from the old clothes collected from door to door.

The Cloth Bags distribution functions were held at 11 different locations spread across the islands. Shri N.K. Udhaya Kumar, Chairperson, PBMC was the Chief Guest and Shri Dharmendra Narayan, Ward Counsellor, was Guest of Honour at the Cloth Bags distribution Venues at FCI Dollygunj and Bhatubasti Market. 3500 Cloth Bags were distributed from these venues.

Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, Secretary PBMC graced the occasion as Chief Guest in the distribution point near Gandhi Statue at Mohanpura. Shri M. Murali Krishna, Chief General Manager, BSNL, Dr. Utpal Sharma, Principal, Shri Shankar Rao, Project Officer (SDP) of BRAIT and Mrs Nazima Parveen, Project Manager, State Data Centre were also present in the function.

The Cloth Bags distribution function at Mayabunder was started with a rally against Single-use Plastic by the trainees of Skill Development Centre, Mayabunder, followed by distribution of cloth bags at Fisheries Colony,

Mayabunder Bazaar, Mahatma Gandhi College, Vegetable Market and Mayabunder Panchayat. Shri Awanish Kumar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle District was the Chief Guest in the distribution venues at Mayabunder.

Shri K. Ganeshan, Ward Counsellor, kicked off the distribution at Delanipur venue. During the distribution function he congratulated the initiatives and the effort made by the trainees of Skill Development Program of BRAIT. The function at Delanipur was also attended by Shri Bharabi Niyogi, Executive Officer, SOVTECH, Shri G.S.Rajan, Assistant Project Officer (SDP) and Ms Reema Rai, Instructor (FAD) of BRAIT. Around 2000 Cloth bags were distributed from the Delanipur venue.

The trainees of Skill Development Main Centre at BRAIT Campus displayed their bags at Junglighat School Gate. Shri T Krishna Moorthy, Chief Engineer & Administrator, ALHW was the Chief Guest in the event organized at Junglighat. Shri Arun Srivastava, HoD (Electrical), Dr. V Alagusundaram, HoD (CSE) and Shri Shajan Thomas, Coordinator (Maritime) of BRAIT participated in the function. The distribution of Cloth Bags was also carried out at Chouldhari, Tushnabad and Ferrargunj by the respective PRI Members as Chief Guests of the distribution venues.

Dr. Aom Dhole, Assistant Commissioner, Rangat was the Chief Guest in the Cloth Bags distribution function at Rangat. Shri Sathish Kumar Singh, Pradhan, Rangat also grace the occasion. Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Assistant Commissioner, Campbell Bay distributed the Cloth Bags at Campbell Bay Market.

The Cloth Bags were also distributed from the distribution venues located at Diglipur, Kadamtala, Hutbay and Katchal by the PRI Members/ Govt. Officials.

The entire event was whole heartedly accepted by the general public, who participated with great zeal and enthusiasm and made this initiative a grant success.

The objective of the initiative taken by BRAIT 'Goodbye Polythene Bags' is to assist the nodal departments/agencies to make A&N Islands free from polythene bags.

Project Officer (SDP)
BRAIT