

Waste Management Volunteer Training program

Dept of Computer Science and Application

Dealing with waste has become an increasing concern nowadays, since it affects people's life quality by impacting the health, it affects the aesthetics, it jeopardizes the ecosystems and in general, it negatively impacts the environmental sustainability. Domestic waste (generated by individuals) and commercial and industrial waste represent a quotidian aspect that authorities are aiming to handle, either through applying laws and guidelines for maintaining healthy and clean cities and villages, either by applying various technologies for actually managing the waste disposals. And the processes and technologies used to manage the various types of waste differ depending on the waste and depending on the country that is managing it. As such, while the developing countries still use public waste dumps for depositing the waste, which continues to affect people's health and to impact the environment.

We all want a healthy community, a peaceful place where people live and work together in harmony. We all have ideas about how to make that happen. The big question is, who will make that happen? Volunteers can. Volunteers are necessary and extremely helpful for a healthy community. People from all walks of life donate their time and effort to various causes, day and night, every day of the year. In a human services setting, agency clients and program participants usually can't distinguish between volunteers and paid staff, unless nametags make those designations. The more connected to a community people feel, the more likely they are to take responsibility for the community and feel pride and a sense of commitment. Mobilizing community resources and expanding capacity through volunteers also enhance an organization's general profile, which can attract more volunteers and program participants.

Keeping this all in view, on 18th April, 2023 **Department of computer Science and application, St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling** organized a *hand on practice program on waste management program* with about 26 student volunteers from four different departments, they are

- 1. Department of Computer Science and Application**
- 2. Department of Botany**
- 3. Department of Zoology**
- 4. Department of Microbiology**

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