



# Green Army

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Green Army is part of the campaign wing of Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation's "My City Beautiful City" project. Many NGOs, volunteering organisations, students, working professionals and retired officials form the mentors of Green Army. It is a platform where individuals & groups with similar vision work with school students to educate them about segregated waste management and other sustainable living practices in an urban environment.

Green Army provides orientation to school children on segregated waste management, green protocol and disposable plastics to start with. Further, mentors are allotted to each school to guide them further to take up green initiatives in their respective schools. Students are enrolled into Green Army units and they help the school neighbourhood to compost & segregate.

Members from organisations like Thanal, Sahridhaya, MAD (Make a Difference), Care Others Too (CO2), Prakruthi, Kerala Shasthra Sahithya Parishad, SARSAS (Save A Rupee Spread A Smile), Green Village, Indus Cycling Embassy, RecycleBin (a group of Architects) etc volunteer as Green Army mentors. More than 100 individuals are active as Green Army volunteers in the city.

Around 30 schools have been given basic orientation on segregated waste management, green protocol and disposable plastics. Many of them have started campaigning with those residential communities neighbouring their school. Green Army volunteers from these schools came forward to implement Green Protocol and Plastic arrest during all major public events and celebrations like: Onam 2017 weeklong celebration at Trivandrum (the annual harvest festival of Kerala), Vettucaud church annual celebrations (one of the prominent Christian churches in Trivandrum), Bhima Palli annual celebrations (one of the prominent Muslim mosques in Trivandrum), District Inter school arts & cultural festival and several school annual day celebrations.

Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation Mayor, Adv V K Prasanth, leads the Green Army. Krishna Kumar K K, a veteran in national literacy campaign and educational activist co-ordinates the activities with the help of Green Army Fellows and Green City Coordinators. Volunteers have taken mentorship of various schools in the city to guide their Green Army units. All 30 schools have taken steps to implement Green Protocol and shift from disposable plastics under the guidance of Green Army volunteers.

Green Army intends to make an impact in decentralised solid waste management at student households, schools, neighbouring community and with public at large.