

## Siddipet launches Swachha Badi



With a view to teaching students as well as the elderly about the proper and efficient way of collecting garbage, segregating waste, producing compost at home and curbing the use of plastic, the District Administration of Siddipet in Telangana has launched a Swachha Badi (Cleanliness School).

The first of its kind in the State and second in the country (after Bengaluru), the learning Centre that which will provide lessons on solid waste management was formally launched on March 12, 2021 by the Finance Minister, Mr. T. Harish Rao.

Speaking on the occasion, the Finance Minister said, “Swachha Badi is our commitment to make Siddipet a role model for the State and the rest of India. The school will be a visual treat and will help make the citizens responsible towards building a Swachh Bharat.”

The Solid Waste Management Learning Centre in Siddipet is a prototype showcasing the entire SWM value chain with live models. Lessons will be taught not only to children but even to the elderly on garbage management. According to official data, 40 metric tons of garbage are produced in the District and treating it in the right manner was vital.

The Swachha Badi has a digital classroom facility to conduct a variety of learning sessions to cover end to end aspects of solid waste management. It also has a lot of interactive tools to make learning fun and experiential. Further, the resources there are intended to provide training to schools, communities, Government officials, elected representatives and visitors from across the State. It is expected that the initiative will create a multiplying effect to accelerate awareness and bring sustainable changes in the entire ecosystem.

Additionally the Centre will showcase many home and community composting models, including a fully functional ward processing unit. The one stop learning centre for SWM related information also provides knowhow on growing safe food.

Ward composting, zero waste home, menstrual hygiene management, upcycling, leaf composter, home and community composting, home garden are among the topics that will be dealt with at the SWM Learning Centre.

