

A Frutiful Day at Swechha.

From visiting Swechha's office made with upcycled material of their workshop, to being a part of an enriching discussion with teachers from various schools and even creating my own air purifying indoor plant with soilless culture. Everything that I did today was worth stepping out of my house in the morning to reach khirki village.

Vimlendu Jha was our resource person for the day along with sarthak and karishma from team Swechha.

We started with a short discussion on our ever changing environment and its effects and causes. To make it more effective, we were engaged with ted talk video by Sir Ken Robinson on changing education paradigms.

Sharing the link so that you may enjoy the video just as we did.:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=zDZFcDGpL4U>

We all concluded that collective success is far more important than individual success, as different components work in harmony to complete one whole unit.

We were then engaged in a group discussion on environment related big and small issues of Delhi/ NCR. I personally felt that no issue related to environment can be regarded as a small issue.

The last segment of the workshop after tea break was our visit to Swechha's workshop where they upcycled the waste material.

Pictures of the same are attached.

It was indeed an enriching experience and as I said A day well spent!!

Shilpa George

The experience of being in Swechha for a day workshop is an amazing and it's unique in its own way. It's an amazing and wonderful learning opportunity for me. Although it was my first ever workshop but the amount of learning and experience and exposure I have is indefinite. As truly told by Benjamin Franklin "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn" "This workshop actually helped me in involving ourselves, give a trail practically and see the things difference will be seen and noticed.

The best part of the day was upcycle, that how our trash could be turned into an useful product which can be use for daily day to day work and to enhance the beauty of the house and surrounding. Here we learnt how unused materials such as cans, tires, tubes, old car chair, glass bottles, chips packet could be upcycled and turned into many useful products later use for different purposes. Some of the materials were easy to make and could be done in our S. U. P. W. classes also.

Another thing that fascinated me and took my attention was planting a **soilless plant**, by using coconut husk; perlite and vermicompost each of them having their own quality and contribution for a plant to grow. And finally we all potted our money plants using the mixture and must say it's an amazing learning experience for me.

I must say it was a great and indeed learning opportunity Swechha provided me where I not only learnt things theoretically but also got a chance to involve into it and to know others perspective on the same.

Annie George

Thus we now look forward to utilize our learning from today's workshop with young eco warriors of our school and bring the desired change around us. One such activity could be planting our own small soilless potted plant or a self watering plant. Or creating our own nurseries or butterfly garden where the students take the onus of taking care.

