

Green to the core

Green LIVING

Madhu Bhatnagar is working as Head of Environment Department of Shri Ram School for the last 20 years. Whenever she sees an urban environment issue, she designs a model to counter it and passes it on to other schools.

Her *No plastic bags* and *No crackers* campaigns are quite popular. She also had solutions to scarcity of water through her rain water harvesting model in Shri Ram dating back to 1998.

Bhatnagar also sets an example with her own lifestyle. She uses just half a bucket of water to bathe, wears only one

pair of footwear until it wears out, buys environment friendly products, grocery and cotton fabric from Dayal bagh.

Her *Moghiya Rehabilitation Program*, started in 2005 to show alternative livelihood to poachers in Ranthambore, has resulted in steady growth in tiger population of Ranthambore from 11 in 2005 to currently 38. Through this program she trains their families to make

products that are sold in cities, generating income for them and help sustain forests.

On asking her view about Copenhagen she says, "It starts and ends with me." She emphasises the necessity of individuals taking responsibility upon themselves to save the environment.



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