

Green LIVING

“For the last seven years my son Udbhav’s birthdays have been a completely environment friendly affair. All the decoration is done from stuffs available at home. We made sure no plastic was used during the party. Return gifts were also environment friendly,” says Preeti Bharadwaj, an environmentally aware resident of Gulmohar Park.

Bharadwaj’s mother-in-law too is passionate about the environment and even persuaded the residents of Gulmohar Park not to use the park for Durga Puja but community centres and clubs instead.

Bharadwaj, a vegetarian, worked as a special needs educator for almost a decade, before devoting all her energies towards the cause of the environment and caring for earth’s depleting resources. She was inspired by former employer Ranjan Pandey of NGO Janmadhyam.

Her family does not use plastic bags and at times, when they forget to carry a cloth bag, they actually carry things back



Little things add up to make a difference from what we eat to how we celebrate birthdays.

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home in their hands. Moreover, she uses excess water for mopping the floors. She has decided to leave her garden *kuchcha* to allow replenishing of ground water by rains.

“I know these are just little things we do, but these add up to make a difference,” she adds. Her husband Subhash Bharadwaj, a Corporate Lawyer, supports her choices of simple and green living.

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