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Article regarding students of R.A. Podar College distributing Paper Bags

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# College students promote the use of paper bags in this festive season



Students made 5000 bags and distributed them among vendors...

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**O**n Wednesday morning, close to 20 students from RA Podar College, Matunga, got together at Dadar's Kabutarakhana to distribute paper bags to contribute towards an eco-friendly festive celebration. While the BMC may have implemented the plastic ban, its circulation and usage in some nooks and corners of the city continues. The Institute's BMS department made over 5,000 paper bags over five days. Speaking about the initiative, Nishtha Sharda, a first year BMS student from the college, said, "We've noticed that despite the plastic ban, people are still using plastic during festivals. So, we thought that it's only right that we promote the cause of using cloth and paper bags through these small efforts. That's the least our environment deserves."



...educated students about the ill-effects of using plastic bags

They not only educated people, including fruit and flower vendors, school-going kids and college youngsters about the ill-effects of its usage, but also collected two bags full of plastic bags. Krishi Solanki, a student from the college, shares, "Some people were reluctant to make



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the switch, but they gave in when we warned them that they stand the risk of being fined by BMC officials. However, there were people who voluntarily emptied their plastic bags and switched to paper bags immediately." Amita Tamore, a first year BMS student, chipped in, saying, "In fact, they even asked for more bags and promised to spread the word." Akshay Chheda, one of the volunteers, informs, "We showed them how to make and use these bags. It's a great way of making best out of waste."



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