

Day3 Greener

--In this submission,I would like to mention that I didn't just put my best effort but also I put forth the changes that I actually brought into my life after learning about it. Even though,It was just upcycling of a plastic,we all are aware how one less bottle in a landfill can make a difference. I chose this submission as I considered it one of my best till now as I was able to apply the knowledge that I learnt through PGC challenge into my daily life.

Day10 Greener

--I chose this because in this submission,I stood for what I believed in with my own quote which is "EDUCATION IS THE SINGLE WEAPON TO KILL ANY SOCIAL INJUSTICE".I stood proud in front of the crowd in the middle of street and I could see that difference in myself that PGC has brought in my life which includes confidence and awareness to raise our voice for what we believe in.

Day10 Greenest

--This is one of my favorite submission because this one's very close to my heart than any other challenge. Here we were asked to talk about the persisting social injustices that are affecting us or people around us in any way or other.And it was the first time that I spoke about my case of sexual harrasment and how it impacted me and how I wish that no one on Earth would go through the same and it shows how PGC has shaped me to stand strong and believe in bringing the change by starting with ourselves and our lives.

Day17 Extracredit

--Even though I have many submission that I am very proud of doing but this one is my favorite and the bestest yet as this introvert kid got a chance to stand in front of her class and present all the knowledge that she gained in her journey of PGC and how she thinks that she can make an impact by spreading the awareness. This challenge brought the best in me and I was able to aware so many people at the same time.

Day19 Extracredit

--This is a submission was special as I was actually taking actions and spreading awareness among so many fellow students. I could feel the change in the air in our campus.I could feel that the authorities were listening to us. I could feel the strongest with the community that I built. This challenge made me realise of the power of a community and how big of a change a group can brings if work together.

This was all about my cover letter. I hope that i justified every submission.I have other amazing submissions as well.I really wished if i could attach them as well as all of them are really close to my heart and impossible to compare as each one of them has taught me so much.

Thank you PGC for being so amazing and inspiring so many young students so that we can take a stand for our coming generations to protect our Earth.I will forever be grateful.

One of more thing I would like to add,just like every other participant,i have put my heart and soul working for these challeneges,I hope I did justice. Thank you.

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1.The trash that i collected throughout the day :



1.1. Non-recyclable materials that i collected throught the day from morning when we have our kitchen waste (Milk bags) to the evening when I purchased a bottle of soft drink :



a. More details :



1.2. Food Waste

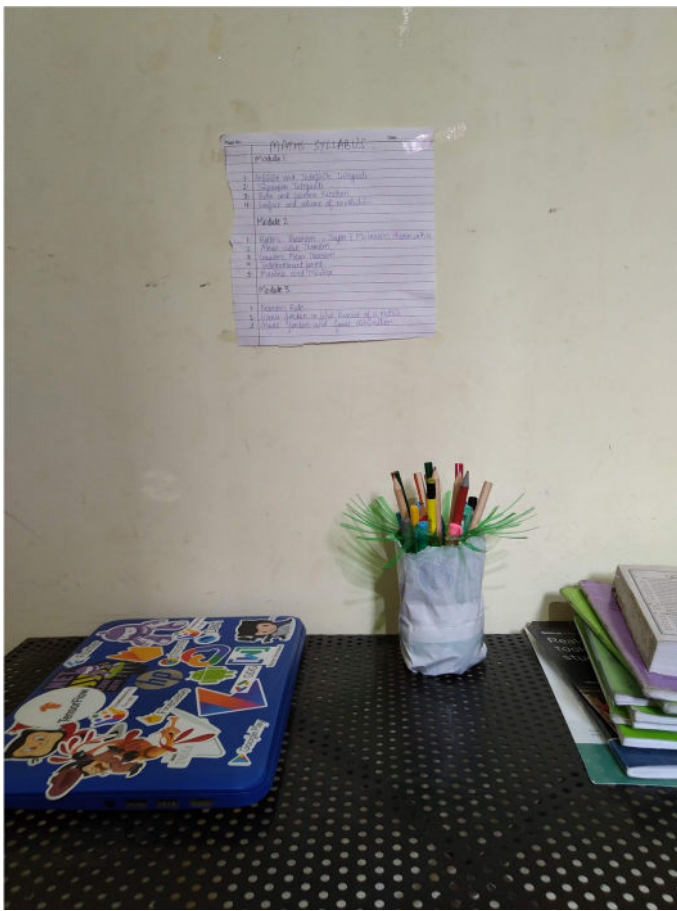


I drank some tea in the morning so its tea leaves and ginger waste.

Now with the trash i had,i decided to reuse most of them not just 2.

-- I used plastic bottle to make a pen stand and a flower pot.

a. The pen stand.

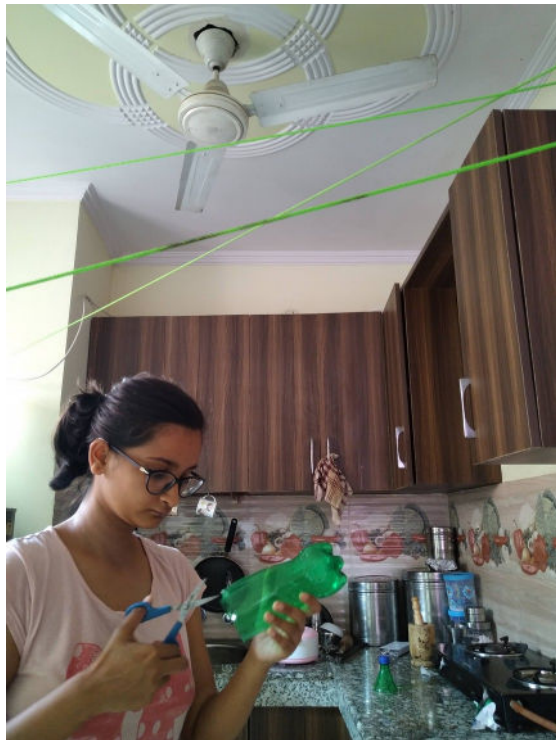


1. Cut the bottle in half

Steps that i used to make it:

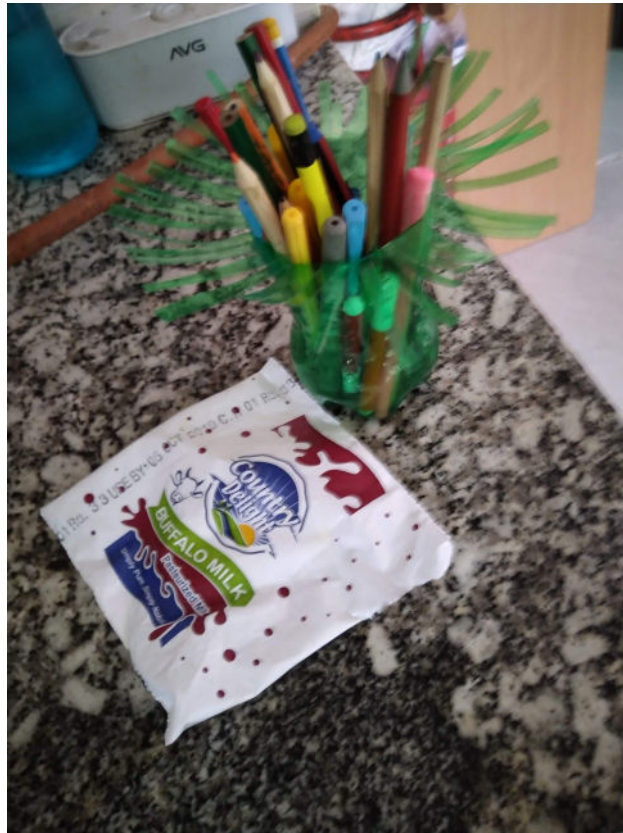


2. Here is a picture of me cutting its stripes :





3. I used milk bags to cover it (obviously after cleaning them thoroughly)

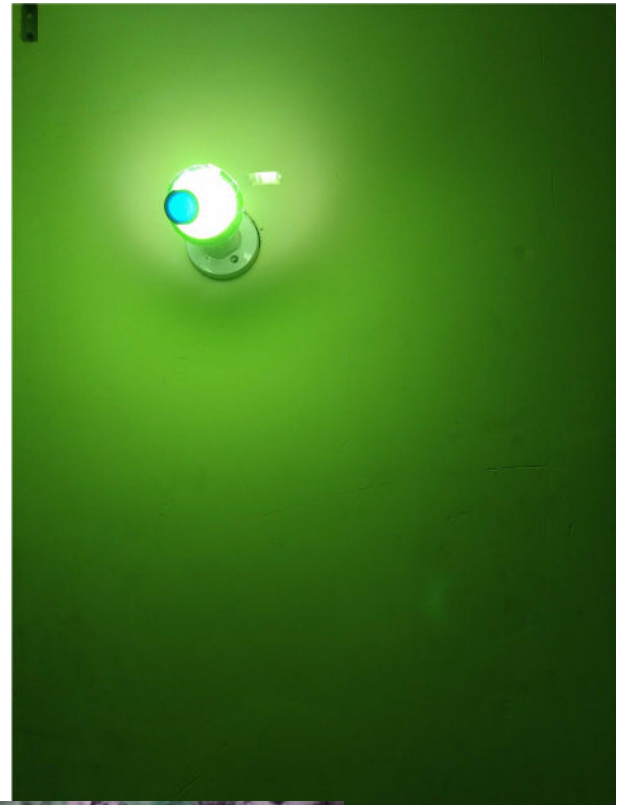


Okay but wait wait wait
what did i do with the
bottle cap?

Well don't worry i decided to go all with the theme of zero waste so i reused it as a cover to a LED
light to decor my room ,Take a look :



Now, I have a fancy LED and a Green wall.(Which was white before)



Okay let's come to the last DIY .

So for this, I used an extra bottle that i had at my home to grow a plant in a plastic bottle
but have you noticed that I also had food waste. So I made compost from the food waste and planted a seed(I don't know which seed it is since somebody gifted it to me and i though i can do some justice by making a pot)



You see that blue capsule? Well it has seeds inside it.



Spot my little one. Can't wait it to grow :)

Also,i made some before and after pictures collages right here

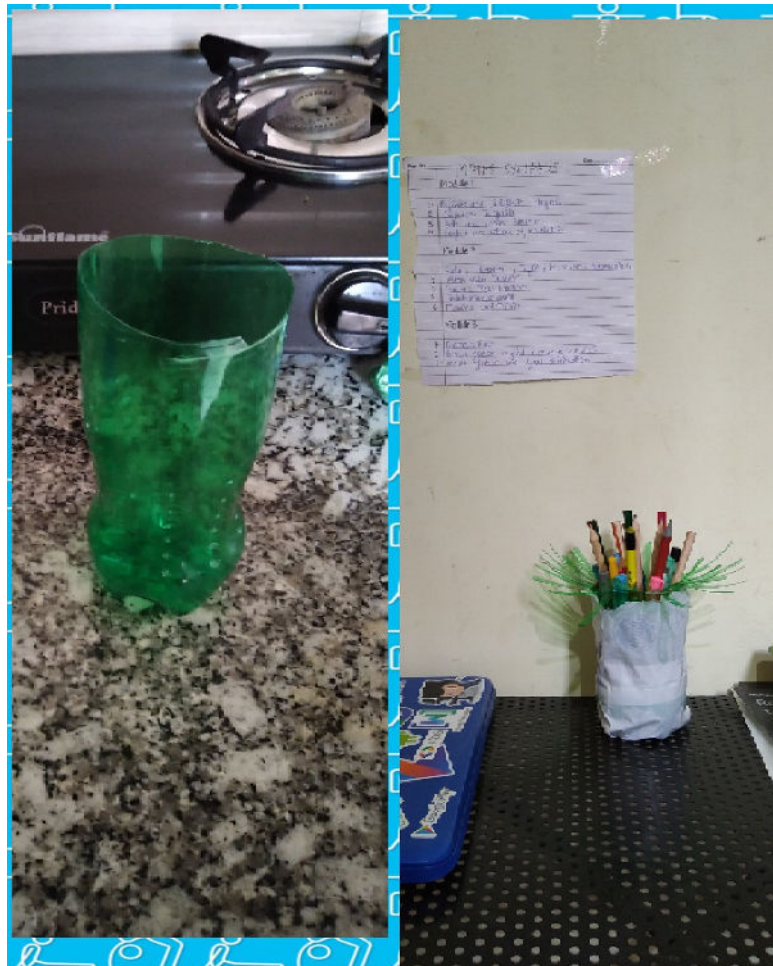
1. Can you notice the color of my wall?



2. My plant pot.



3. My pen stand



So that's all from my side. I hope i did justice to the ZERO WASTE theme. Thank You TURNING GREEN,I am learning so much everyday.

Conversations with 2 people. Who did you interact with? What did they say? How did they react?

Response : 1.As change starts from home,so i decided to record the response of my mother
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11njqt-lSkpaL6WhLRUGA3kOl6i0m2ZfS/view?usp=drivesdk>

This is a video showing response of my mother towards the trash that i was keeping with me. She said:What is this?Why are you keeping it in a tone of scolding. I replied: This is my trash and i am going to recycle and use it.

To which she thought i was joking but i mentioned that this is something that we all should be doing and brought the conversation of Zero Waste. What i could sense is the ignorant behaviour. But for sure a hope for change is still there. She wasn't very convinced with my idea but i guess when she'll come home from office today after seeing all the recyclables.Maybe she will believe the change that i am encompassing.

2. I talked to one of my friend regarding this. I am sorry i couldn't record it since i was in class but he mentioned that we all should be doing something but it is very embarrassing to do something like that and it takes a lot of courage since what i was doing doesn't come in the cool category. I briefed him about Project Green Challenge and the crisis of Climate change and statistics and I observed that he was convinced of what i was doing and how it can change the things around us. I also managed to convince him to rethink before throwing anything in trash and reusing it.

---Next, consider reusable options. Pick two items and tell us how you could avoid creating that waste in the future. What is one small change you can make **today** to contribute to a less wasteful world?

Response: I think i have answered the first part very well by reusing the plastic bottle and its cap and the milk bags . So in my opinion ,Today i made a small change which contributed two less plastic bottles and milk bags in the trash. With milk bags,its impossible to avoid them,so i have decided that i am going to wrap my lunch from now on in a milk bag so that i can avoid creating that waste in the future.

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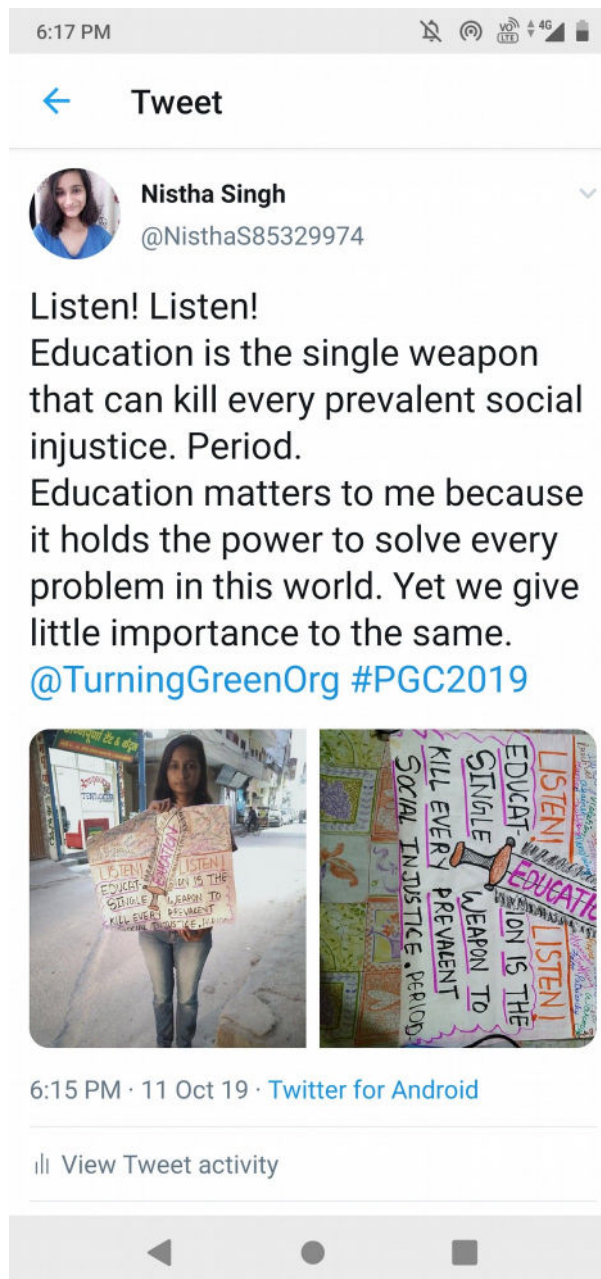
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Did anyone ask you what you are doing? Share a short reflection on how you felt standing up for what you believe in publicly.

Response: Even though I got a lot of stares but nobody really cared to ask. I felt amazing to stand up for what i believed in that is Quality Education as a sword to kill every other social injustics and global crisis that we all are facing today. My sign demonstrated not just the use of education but also stood against of wars reflecting on use of single weapon of education.Even though the whole experience was great,I was shattered to see how people are starting at me but not actually trying to ask or show curiosity towards as to why am i even standing here that shows how our community is all about themselves and how they're shaped to focus on nothing but their own lives.





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Education is the single weapon that can kill every prevalent social injustice. Period.

Education matters to me because it holds the power to solve every problem in this world. Yet we give little importance to the same. @TurningGreenOrg

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1. When you look across your campus and your community, do you observe any social injustices?

Response: Yes,I do.

- a. Discrimination
- b. Homophobia
- c. Sexual Assault

--Tell us who and what it impacts, and why that matters to you here and now.

- a. Discrimination on the basis of color

Response : Do you know what beauty actually means here? Its pale color of the skin. Even though,majority of the population is brown in India,yet we discriminate against our own people. I have myself experienced it. My uncle just had a daughter and he can't get enough of saying how fair she is and how she is the most beautiful in our family just because she's fair. And my grandmother supporting the argument in front of every guest or member that comes. Even though it is not being said to me directly that you are brown and not beautiful. It still hurts in many ways how people around us eventually your own family perceive the idea of beauty and it plays with your mental health and increases your insecurity towards your ownself. So,yes it makes me question myself if the society would ever accept me as who i am or even when i think of dating,the first thing that comes to my mind is I'm not fair enough and the guy would eventually reject me and that would again will affect my confidence,my mental health and everything in between. It matters to me because i don't want anyone to feel like that,to be questioned by something that wasn't even in your hands on the first place.Beauty needs to be redefined.

No,there is nothing like a club or a community that stands for the same around here.Although i have friends that i can rely on.

Globally,discrimination is affecting so many people in so many ways affecting their confidence,their life,their decisions.I am ashamed to be alive in a world where the human intelligence couldn't surpass this thought and move on to a more civilised world.

- b.Homophobia

Response: Every now and then,in my classroom, I see people making fun of homosexuality.And dare you stand up against it,they will eat you too alive with the same arguement. I remember once a guy was supporting his friend in an arguement and the other person just said that are you gay and that single comment made the other person so embarras even though he was straight. We see that its just a very little thing.But no,its not ,what if someone wants to explore and know if they are homosexual. They will never be able to know because you have shut all the doors on our faces.Why? Just because you think what you are is normal and everyone else other than that is not. Even i am ashamed that i never

spoke for anyone who got humiliated with the same. But, i have found my grounds and i support LGBTQ+ with all my heart and soul.

YES, my university has just started a lgbtq+ community and talking about it and i am so proud of the move but it still has a very long way to go.

I believe in equality. And I believe that there will be a day when we all will be accepted as who we want to be as long as we are doing no harm. Globally, homophobia is very prevalent. There are countries where it is a crime to be homosexual. How can ever be able to fight the bad when we all are standing against each other in the road for progress and evolution. There are so many revolutions and campaigns started to support the community and my heart and love and support goes to all of them.

c. Sexual Assault

Response : When i was 11 years old, i was being sexually assaulted by one of my relative and the best part at that moment of time, I didn't even know if it something wrong. So i continued to be a victim. It lasted for months Later on when i turned 15 or 16, i realized what happened to me back in time was not okay, was inhumane and was against my will and i was so insecure about the same and even now i am. That i never tell about this to anyone. Once as my mom ,my grandmother and we were all arguing on something. I gave them a hint about it. And that guy who was my relative who assaulted me was in jail because of a murder so they said leave it, he is already in jail. I am so devastated that my family didn't take a stand for me just because that would have killed their self esteem. It really killed me.

Yes, my university offers help to girls or boys who are sexually assaulted and there is a very loving community out there but i still am not very comfortable talking about it in person, maybe one day i will or maybe i am ashamed of it or afraid that they will also react in the way my family did.

Globally, a lot of woman and man are sexually assaulted in very very large numbers and there are people like me who doesn't report it so that also makes it a number hard to imagine. We need education to fight the same

Infact i believe education can eradicate every other social injustice in this world. Be it discrimination, homophobia, or sexual assaults. We need quality education as our sword in this fight.

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--Create a presentation based on the information you gathered in the Greener and Greenest challenges. Present your report card ratings and suggestions for improvement before a group of peers.

Response : Link to the presentation that i presented in front of my group of peers. I took wastage of electricity as a very serious issue that is actually contributing a lot to the carbon footprint of my campus that is why i talked a lot about it.

<https://1drv.ms/p/s!AogLZj6ZpWuRhjVCEMIusoprAxcS>

--Share your presentation, a summary of the conversation, and a reflection on your experience. Document your lecture with picture and video.

Response : SUMMARY OF THE CONVERSATION AND REFLECTION ON MY EXPERIENCE.

I took wastage of electricity as a very serious issue that is actually contributing a lot to the carbon footprint of my campus that is why i talked a lot about it. I would like to tell you that i have never been the person who would go out and speak because i was so introvert. I am first of all very much thankful to PGC for teaching me to stand up for my rights, to raise my voice for good.

Coming to summary, We talked about wastage of electricity and even my teacher was astonished with the facts that i presented and we discussed what we can do about it. Since our college uses central air conditioning system and an ignorant behaviour of students towards electricity is the reason behind so much wastage so the very first thing that we needed is to educate those students about their actions and how it is impacting. This is exactly what i do. I did become a lot nervous as i was talking but i couldn't be more proud to raise my voice for the issue.

Coming to reflection.

I am very sure that from now on at least students will be concerned about how they are wasting electricity. Since we also talked a lot about awareness and the role that it plays. I tried to motivate them to aware as many people as they can so that we can actually make a difference.

Picture from the lecture that I gave for 15 minutes:





Link to the video :

I have uploaded my presentation on youtube. The link is as follows:

<https://youtu.be/nnUpBgkI3Z0>

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--Are you exposed to any of these toxic, wasteful products on your campus? Select a campaign and do some research on where your school stands.

Response : Yes,I must agree that indirectly we are exposed to such toxic,wasteful products on our campus. The people that has duties to make sure the washrooms are clean and the college is clean are using products that are harmful and doesn't even ensure fair trade.

I don't want to go for a one single campaign.I will be organising a rally where we speak about everything that concer us from all the PGC themes that I have learnt about.

--put together an overview report of how you rallied on your campus. What actions did you take? Was it successful? For next time, what would you suggest on doing differently or improving?

Response : I tried to let as many people know as I can about the rally and we gathered and talked a bit about what are we doing and what do we want. We decided that we wanted administration to wake up and be aware of the issues instead of being so ignorant. We wanted to aware as many people as we can. Not just for one cause but all of the PGC themes that we learnt about from carbon footprint to fair trade. We stand true for all. Some people were staring at us,laughing on us.But we stood true to what we believed which is to spread awareness of the subject because if we are not aware then how are we suppose to take action??????

I must say it was a huge success, I got a meeting fixed with the dean of my university who would like to talk about the problems that are persisting in the the campus and the solutions that i want to propose like automated air conditioning systems and using technology for better. I am also willing to work on an app that will help our school to manage its waste by automating every data of waste that we produce and how we are using it. I still have to lay the plan for the same in front of the authorities .Let's see how it goes. Yes,I was considering to start a petition.But what's the point when if all students can gather and speak up in front of the authorities for their own rights. This is far more impactful than signing a petition. We did make sure to keep the record of all the students who are willing to work with us for the action plan.

The pictures from the rally is below:





Lastly,with the amazing teachers who supported us and helped us to get meeting fixed with the dean.



--For next time, what would you suggest on doing differently or improving?

Response : We are planning on to forming a student club just to make sure that our campus is indulged in the right organic and sustainable practices.SO after the student club is formed,it would be really help if we can gather and manage to educate more and more students on the issue so that relevant actions would be easy to take.