

# Green Initiative by LMC: 'Zero Waste Event' concept at GIS

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**Lucknow:** After its successful implementation during the India-New Zealand T-20 match on held on January 29 at Ekana Stadium, Lucknow Municipal Corporation (LMC) has now applied 'Zero Waste Event' concept in the ongoing Global Investor Summit (GIS).

The civic body has put-up over 300 garbage bins and a temporary Material Recovery Facility (MRF) at the GIS venue at Vrindavan Yojna. The waste is collected from bins and segregated into biodegradable and non-biodegradable. The former is put in MRF to make compost and the latter is sent for recycling.

Besides, the venue has also been decorated with items made of waste. For instance, benches, chairs and swings are made of tyres and tubes.

Further, parts of discarded automobiles and non-functional electrical appliances have been used to make installations such as Swachh Bharat logo and artworks. The civic body is also promoting use of cups and plates made of paper among



To make GIS zero waste event, bins have been placed at the venue. Besides, decorative items made out of waste have also been attracting visitors

delegates. Selfie points have been installed to make people aware of the 'no waste event' concept.

Shashank Pandey, who



has been hired as project manager by the LMC to oversee implementation of the event concept, said that around 5,000 kg waste was generated

on the first day of the GIS. "Of this, about 40% (2000 kg) was biodegradable and 60% (3000) non-biodegradable," he said.

"We are making compost out of biodegradable waste on the spot and sending non-biodegradable waste materials like bottles, polybags, hard plastic to Shivri Solid Waste Management Plant from where it will be later sent to recycling units," he added.

The LMC also got a certificate from the Institute of Sustainable Development, Kurukshetra, a unit of NGO, Green Earth, on Saturday, lauding the civic body for making India-New Zealand match waste free event.

Municipal commissioner, Inderjit Singh, said, "About 12,000 kg waste was generated in the stadium during the match. Of it, around 4,800 kg waste was biodegradable, which is being turned into compost through MRFs and the remaining non-biodegradable has been sent for recycling and other uses."

He said that the LMC will apply the same concept in the G20 related events scheduled in the city next week.