

# Global Warming Be Part of the Solution



WITH GLOBAL WARMING BECOMING A HUGE ISSUE, OUR REPORTER AINEE NIZAMI LISTS DOWN FEW MEASURES TO HELP REDUCE GLOBAL WARMING.

**G**lobal Warming is happening, and it's up to us to stop it. Every time we step into our car to go to a friend's house, or to buy take-away for supper, we are adding to the effects which our world's over consumption of fossil fuels is already having on the environment.

Global Warming isn't just about adding a few degrees to the world's overall temperature. It's about melting ice caps that will slowly erode some of the world's most fertile farmlands, rising sea level, which will make our life harder and harder. According to IPCC's forth report, Greenland isn't just a huge ice-covered island. It's melting rapidly, which is going to be a crucial factor in the coming years, and will also decide how global warming may reshape the world. It is also said that, in the next future many of the greatest coastal cities could also be under water. Bangladesh, the entire country, which is under threat, live example. It's about people getting displaced from places like London, New York and Bangkok, because of rising ocean waters that will flood most low-lying homelands across the globe. Global warming, which knows no boundaries will affect everyone in the world. And one of the main reasons of this is more and more emission of CO2 by us. And to bring it under control, all we need is a bit of an effort from everyone across the world.



These are some of the homely remedies, which don't cost the world but could ultimately save the world. Here are 5 things we can all do to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide being released (and trapped), into our atmosphere every minute of every day. These 5 steps will take you a long way toward reducing your energy use and your monthly budget. And less energy use means less dependence on the fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases and contribute to global warming.

So rather than just thinking about the effects of global warming, start being a part of the solution right away!

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## DRIVE LESS

-Reduce the number of miles you drive by walking, biking, carpooling or taking public transportation wherever possible. Not only will you do your bit for the environment by eliminating carbon dioxide emissions, walking is also a great way to lose those extra kilos!

## PLANT A TREE

-A single tree will absorb one ton of carbon dioxide over its lifetime. Shade provided by trees can also reduce your air conditioning bill by 10 to 15%.

## USE THE 'OFF' SWITCH

-Save electricity and reduce global warming by turning off lights when you leave a room. And remember to turn off your television, video player, stereo and computer when you're not using them. One computer monitor left on overnight it uses enough energy which is equivalent to print more than 5,000 copies.

# MAKING THE BEST OF WASTE

**Y**ou might have read the slogan "keep your city clean" on the backside of snacks wrapper and at many places, in many cities. But how many people among us really care and follow it. "No one likes to keep their home dirty then why the city or the earth," said Dayanad Jadhav, Ex-President and an active member of Triatana Prerna Mandal (TPM) an NGO in Santacruz west. This is not some thing new that he says but this is the approach he took to spread the awareness among the people in slum of Khotwadi in Santacruz. You might have heard about this NGO. Recently, on November 1st 2007, this organisation won the Urban Age Award from the hands of German Chancellor Angela Merkel. And made its mark in almost all news paper's front page, and even in the society for its valuable contribution for environmental cause.

This organisation works for the sanitation, solid waste pollution and tree plantation. They communicate with all the families in the



slums and personally counselled them about the cleanliness by saying... if they will keep their locality clean, it will help them to lead healthy life. Mr. Jadhav explained, "The members in this organisation are not very educated. They are from the locality itself." He believed, "Problems in the locality can better understand by these local people rather than others. And yes...Environment needs

involvement." Since 4 years, their work has proved instrumental in reducing the amount of waste in Santacruz (W), Khar (W), worli and areas around MMRDA. "We used to receive 12 overflowing garbage containers of 500 litres, but now we get 8 filled containers of 200 litres," he said. They educated the locals, the art of making "best use of the waste" instead of stashing it away.

eradicating environment problems from the earth is that either to set an organisation like Triatana Prerna Mandal in every locality in India and do 10% of activities of TPM or to help such organisations by funding or to be a volunteer for them. Because... "Environment needs involvement."

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