

# Re:waste: The way forward

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The Consulate General of Sweden in Mumbai, collaboration BITS Pilani, has set up exhibits at the K. K. Birla Goa campus. The exhibition, titled 'Re:waste - How Sweden is Rethinking Resources', outlines the underlying problems, the steps we all have to take, innovations in development and those on the market.

There are three exhibits put up on the campus, covering topics such as 'Reusing and recycling of products', 'Extending the life cycle of the product', and 'Role of Technology in minimising waste'. Talking about how the idea of the exhibition came about, dean (Univ wide) International Programmes and Collaboration Division of BITS Pilani, Goa campus, professor Srikanth Mutnuri says, "A Smart City & Innovation Delegation, comprising Swedish government agencies, companies, NGOs and academia from Sweden, arrived in Goa on February 17 as a part of the road show organised by the Consulate General of Sweden in Mumbai, Vinnova, IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute, Smart City Sweden, and Business Sweden India. After successful meetings in Pune and Mumbai, the delegation arrived in Goa. A round



table discussion was conducted with the Goa Waste Management Corporation (GWMC) and authorities, including the Goa State Pollution Control Board, and education institutes including BITS Pilani. On the sidelines of the visit, this exhibition has been put on display."

Mutnuri says that Sweden is a leader in sustainable urban development, with several of its cities ranking highly in terms of sustainability, smart technology, and innovation. "While people living in high-income countries produce more waste compared to those in low-income nations,

reducing waste is a global crisis that requires all of us to do our part," he says, adding that a successful approach to solve the crisis must be based on a properly managed waste hierarchy and a striving for a circular economy. "The ultimate approach to waste management is to not create any in the first place."

Students, academicians and researchers can visit the campus to have a glimpse of the exhibits till February 25. The exhibition is coordinated by the International Programmes and Collaboration Division of BITS Pilani, Goa campus.