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LAKE CLEANING DRIVE

Introduction

As part of the **Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission**, a joint initiative aimed at restoring and preserving vital water bodies and wetland ecosystems across Chennai, a **Lake Cleaning Drive** was organized on **25th and 29th July 2025**. The drive was a collaborative effort involving **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)**, **Spreco Recycling Pvt. Ltd.**, **Scouts**, **LEO Club** volunteers, and **local Panchayat** representatives.

The initiative was coordinated by:

- **Mr. R. Chithrakkannan** – Staff Coordinator
- **Mr. Aathiligam** – ELP Manager
- **Ms. Krishnapriya A** – Cofounder & Director, Spreco Recycling Pvt. Ltd.



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Day 1 – Somangalam Lake Cleaning

Date: 25.07.2025

Location: Somangalam Lake

Participants: UBA members and Scout volunteers

Volunteer Count: 70

Plastic Waste Collected: 205 kg

Special Presence: Somangalam Village Panchayat President, who formally initiated the cleanup.

The volunteers actively collected plastic waste from the lake surroundings. The presence of the Panchayat President added motivation and community involvement.



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Day 2 – Chembarambakkam Lake Cleaning

Date: 29.07.2025

Location: Chembarambakkam Lake

Participants: UBA members, Scouts, and LEO Club volunteers

Volunteer Count: 150 students

Plastic Waste Collected: 550 kg

Special Presence: Village Panchayat Head, who addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of protecting water bodies.



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Awareness & Pledge

A pledge was taken by both villagers and students to stop dumping garbage in lakes and promote responsible waste disposal.

Around **200 people signed the pledge**, showing strong community support.

Volunteers reached out to households to spread awareness about using garbage bins instead of disposing waste in open areas.

Support Materials

Gloves and garbage bags were distributed to all volunteers for safe waste collection. The collected plastic waste was handed over to the **Tambaram Corporation Office** for responsible disposal.



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Impact of the Drive

Total Plastic Waste Collected: 755 kg

Total Volunteers Involved: 220+ (students, Scouts, LEO members, and locals)

Community Participation: Panchayat leaders, villagers, and students actively engaged.

Awareness Created: Importance of preserving lakes, avoiding littering, and proper waste disposal.

Long-Term Outcome: A sense of responsibility among students to act as change-makers in protecting natural resources.

Conclusion

The **Lake Cleaning Drive** under the **Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission** proved to be a highly impactful and inspiring initiative. Students not only contributed to cleaning two important lakes but also became ambassadors of environmental awareness. The collaboration with **Panchayat leaders, UBA, Scouts, LEO Club, and Spreco Recycling Pvt. Ltd.** ensured that the event was both successful and sustainable.

The drive concluded with renewed commitment from all participants to preserve natural water bodies and promote responsible waste management practices for a cleaner, healthier environment.



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