



CLEAN GREEN ISHA Foundation members cleaned Chamundi Hills on Sunday. DH photo

Team of volunteers rid Ch' hills of garbage

Plastic, liquor bottles, paan masala packets, cups collected

MYSORE: For those who dream of a Sunday lazing around, then waking up only for a brunch and hitting the sack again, only to wake up in the evening, this could have been albeit different Sunday altogether.

The regulars at ISHA Foundation had gathered at the foothills of Chamundi Betta, with a mission to rid the Chamundi Hills of waste and garbage on Sunday.

Speaking to *Deccan Herald* Manjula Prasad, a volunteer

with the Foundation said they collected disposed plastic bottles, liquor bottles and even suar cane waste were from these areas. "We collected 50 sacks of garbage (about 150 kgs) and this needs no explanation, how much the Chamundi Hills, which is considered as the bio-hotspot, is polluted," she said.

The sugar cane and other vendors who are at the Nandi statue litter the place as one could find huge heaps of sugar cane waste and other things. "They should be educated about proper disposal of the waste," she added.

The garbage will be dumped soon at Sewage Plant.

Under Green Hands project, the ISHA Foundation is holding this campaign for the second time. With Chief Minister B S Yeddyurappa announcing to

develop Chamundi Hills on the lines of Tirupati, the team is planning to submit a memorandum to Yeddyurappa to declare Chamundi Hills as no-plastic, no-liquor and no-smoking zone. "Although Chamundi Hills has been declared as plastic-free zone, one can still find plastic bags strewn around the hills. However, to make hills plastic-free zone, there should be a strict regulation," she added. The Foundation is planning to plant saplings in future.

The Foundation has kept ten dustbins in and around the Nandi statue to enable the vendors to dispose the waste.

The foundation will discuss with the authorities concerned to take measures to clean garbage from these dustbins, she added.

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