

## **‘Innovative solutions needed for e-waste’**

### *DRDO Chief leads cleanliness drive*

Hyderabad: Transformative solutions and innovative technologies are needed to combat e-waste which would pose a major challenge in the coming decades, said DRDO chairman G. Satheesh Reddy on Wednesday.

On the occasion of 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr Reddy led a cleanliness drive at a government school in Mallapur and its surrounding village, where he said there will be a gigantic growth in consumption of electronics and electrical systems as we advance towards becoming a digital and information-driven country.

Even from the defence perspective, integrated, miniaturised systems and smart electronic sensors will be the backbone for futuristic applications which will lead to millions of tons of e-waste to be generated globally but re-cycling mechanisms are still in emerging stage, he observed.

DG-Missiles and Strategic Systems M.S.R. Prasad, lab directors, project directors, scientists and staff of DRDO in Hyderabad region participated in the event.

All DRDO labs and establishments across the country participated in the ‘Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan’ at their respective locations on the occasion.

The DRDO headquarters in Delhi completed a year of total ban on single-use plastic and the initiative is being implemented in all other labs and establishments leading to significant reduction in disposable plastics.

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## **DRDO completes a year of complete ban on single-use plastic bottles in its Headquarters**

"Today on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, DRDO Headquarters has completed full one year of a total ban on all types of water bottles packaged or otherwise," a DRDO official said.

The initiative was started by DRDO Chief G Satheesh Reddy on the next day after taking over as the head of the research agency on August 29 last year.

"The total ban was started by him first from his office room and then from the secretariat. After finding the idea feasible, the ban was extended to the entire DRDO Headquarters on Gandhi Jayanti last year and we can say that the entire headquarters is plastic-free today," the official said.

Plastic bottles have been replaced by glass bottles and can be seen in all the meetings and offices of the organisation in its headquarters.

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