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Minutes of the series of meetings held on the 28th of January 2025.

The City Municipal Council, Shidlaghatta under the dynamic leadership of President Mr. M V Venkataswamy sir & Vice-president madam & able administrator Mr. Manjunath sir had one-to-one meetings with Dr. Ruby Makhija (TedX Speaker, Ophthalmologist, Brand Ambassador Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and a Social Worker).

With the expertise especially in the Solid Waste Management through her Foundation Why Waste Wednesdays where Dr Ruby Makhija created "Zero Waste Colonies" has pledged to make Shidlaghatta town a "Zero Waste City Municipal Council".

The day began with an interactive address to the municipal workers. The municipal workers were informed that their work will be a bit minimized, training will be provided and there will be some other value additions in their existing system of work.

The team of Dr Ruby Makhija included representatives from one more foundation Mr. Sirish Mahajan and others ably guided by Mr. Mohan Kumar V (AEE - Environment) of CMC Shidlaghatta assisted by Health Inspector & college interns.

The team visited several important locations and had interactions with stakeholders in the ecosystem.

Some of the locations/spots visited included MRFs (Material Recycle Facility), Monday sabji Mandi location, Silk processing units, some Vulnerable places etc.

Dr Ruby Makhija said that the MRFs Maintained informally by private operators can be upgraded, formalized and structured with the expertise and experience she brings in.

The meetings also had a thought to include the Self Help Groups (SHGs) wherein another innovative idea of eco-friendly sanitary napkins unit may be established in Shidlaghatta town paving way for women empowerment, employment generation and improved health & hygiene

The SHGs will be roped-in to play an inclusive role in making Shidlaghatta town a "Zero Waste City Municipal Council".

Many interventions were brought on the table regarding "Zero waste colonies" and reducing single use plastics.

The commissioner Mr. Manjunath sir went on to say that the Shidlaghatta town should win some national awards with the vision that is being discussed about making Shidlaghatta town a "Zero Waste City Municipal Council".

The day ended with President Shri. M V Venkataswamy sir's & Vice-president madam's verbal support to AEE (Environment) Mr. Mohan Kumar, Dr. Makhija & her team in all their their endeavours. They further assured complete support. Meeting ended with vote of thanks from Mohan Kumar V AEE(ENV), CMC Sidlaghatta.

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