



Small Steps Targeting Big Impact

Two workshops, titled 'Prohibition on Open Burning of any kind of Material - A Small Step Targeting Big Impact' and 'IIPA Programme on SBM-Urban', were organised as part of the 'Green Gold' Project in Delhi, on 30th January and 1st February 2018, at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), Delhi, and Delhi Secretariat, respectively. The workshops aimed at creating awareness among the stakeholders regarding the need for controlling air pollution caused by open burning, its impact on the health of citizens and environment, and the parameters of air quality assessment. Gitika Goswami, Programme Director, and Jyoti Shresth, Fellow, Development Alternatives, gave a presentation on 'Decentralised Solid Waste Management'. The event brought together 20 trainers from the Faculty of State Training Institutions (IIPA) and nearly 250 participants from the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), schools, colleges and Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) of the east zone of Delhi. The objective was to bring about a behaviour change at the community and individual level, in order to make them control the generation of waste at the source. For this purpose, models and case studies were demonstrated for the utilisation of different solid waste management technologies – ones that are both user friendly and cost effective. While the RWAs and municipal bodies were aware about the role of community engagement, misconceptions regarding the use of composters were cleared through this initiative.