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# Schools take part in energy-saving programme

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**KOLKATA:** Many Kolkata schools are participating in an awareness programme on energy conservation that is being conducted in the city.

With energy conservation becoming a global issue, school students were taught to implement measures to save energy in their daily lives.

"We want to spread the message of energy conservation. We have already sensitised more than one million people across India and have created over

13,000 energy champions whose efforts have saved more than 10,80,685 units of electricity. Our main motto is to save energy for an upcoming generation," said Madhurima Das, coordinator of TATA Power Energy Club at Kolkata. Her organisation is conducting the programme.

Not just the students, many teachers also came to know about ways to conserve energy. "There was an audio-visual presentation on energy conservation that was not only helpful to the students but also the teachers. It actually enlightened us with the basic things

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that are done to save energy by giving us a note that this should be applied in your daily activities. The students were the ones who were the most inspired ones and were taught loads of

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**IMRAN ZAKI**  
School representative

things that is going to help them in the long run," said Imran Zaki, Honorary General Secretary at St. Stephens High School. The programme showed that simple measures employed by

us in our daily life could help save energy. "They told us that after we finish charging our mobile phones, we should always take off the plug to save energy. The students were even asked questions on their opinion and knowledge on conserving energy. In fact, this awareness programme also taught students to read the electric meter and even told them about the use of CFC bulbs," Zaki said.

A quiz was conducted among the students of class III to class X to get an idea of the knowledge they have on energy conservation.

"Our students were pleased with the concept that this energy saving club presented. They were impressed with the audio-visual aid which showed them how to save energy. We were told to adopt basic measures like switching off the lights when not in use," said Lovina Khan, principal of Peter Day School.

This programme started from September 27. Schools like Ramkrishna Mission Baranagar High School, Adarsha Hindi High School for Boys & Girls, Cathedral Mission High School, National High School for Girls, Albany Hall Public School and

St Thomas for Girls participated in the 'How to save energy' programme.

"This was like an interactive session that imparted knowledge among the younger generation about how an individual can make a difference by switching off electrical appliances at home or in school. To fulfill the purpose of monitoring their family's electricity consumption, each student's electricity bill for the previous month is being collected and the exercise will be repeated two months hence to check the improvement," said Das.