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Students of Rizvi Springfield School, Bandra, hold placards with messages on energy conservation at a rally in Bandra on Monday.
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MUMBAI: Energy conservation seems to be a popular cause for students across the city to support. Separate rallies were undertaken by various schools in order to promote an understanding of benefits of using renewable energy.

"On Monday, over 600 students and 80 teachers from our school took part in a rally organised by Tata Power in order to sensitise Mumbai residents on energy conservation," said Shashi Shekhar, secondary supervisor for St Lawrence High School, Kandivli. "This is a basic issue that all citizens and responsible human beings should take care of, and we were supported by the management of the school."

The students, who took part in a poster-making competition before the rally, and then shouted slogans along a 2km stretch

in Kandivli, were keen to promote the cause and excited by the response they got. "I truly believe in promoting conservation of energy, particularly electricity. I have even gone around my colony to convince my neighbours to save energy by switching off electrical appliances when not required," said Vidya Prasad, 13, a student of the school.

Rizvi Springfield School, Bandra, also participated in the Tata Enerji Club rally at Carter Road, Bandra. "This was a great exercise in teaching students how to serve society and become role models," said Rajni Patil, a teacher.

Supporting a similar cause, students of St Xavier's School, Fort, also took their slogans to the streets on Saturday as part of a worldwide movement called 'Moving Planet' which seeks to encourage leaders to move beyond fossil fuels and invest in clean, renewable energy.