

**Drive for Elimination of single use Plastic undertaken by IRC Secretariat during 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi from 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019 to 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020.**



Shri Sanjay Kumar Nirmal, Secretary General, Indian Roads Congress inaugurated the drive for elimination of single use of Plastic undertaken by Secretariat of Indian Roads Congress on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020. It is the first time that such a social programme had been taken up by employees of IRC with the co-operation of all stake holders.

Employees of IRC have started an awareness campaign/drive to make the people aware about importance of eliminating single use plastic in Sector 6 Market of R.K. Puram by distributing pamphlets to visitors, shopkeepers and vegetable vendors during last week of February, 2020. Cloth bags were distributed free of cost to all vegetable vendors in order to discourage using plastic bags for vegetables. Visitors were requested to bring cloth bags with them while coming to the Market.

During the inaugural function, Smt. Tulsi Joshi, Chairperson of South Delhi Municipal Corporation was present as Chief Guest. Shri H.C. Kashyap, Assistant Commissioner, SDMC, has also graced the function. Representatives of Shopkeepers' Association, vegetable vendors and cloth bag manufacturer were invited to make the drive a success in all fronts.

In his inaugural address, Shri Sanjay Kumar Nirmal has emphasised the need to eliminate single use of plastic products. He stated that he has issued necessary orders prohibiting the use of plastic water bottles and plastic disposable glasses two years back in technical Committee meetings of IRC. In technical front, Indian Roads Congress for the first time, brought out a Code on "Utilizing Waste Plastic in Road Construction".

Mrs. Tulsi Joshi, Chairperson, SDMC appealed to public to cooperate in eliminating single use plastic in public life. It is a two way practice when shopkeepers and customers willingly resolve not to use plastic and carry always a cloth bag. Shri Kashyap, Assistant Commissioner has also emphasised the importance of elimination of single use plastic and in case of failure, proposed to impose fine as per Govt. Directives.

In the end, all participants resolved not to use single use plastic in their day to day work.