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Volunteers remove waste from Thadagam Road



Volunteers cleaning Thadagam Road, near Gandhi Park, on Sunday as part of Coimbatore Vizha.- Photo: S. SIVA SARAVANANS_ SIVA SARAVANAN

As part of the Coimbatore Vizha events, nature enthusiasts and concerned citizens cleaned the Thadagam Road on Sunday. According to Manoj Krishnakumar, one of the organisers, more than 1,000 people participated in the cleanliness drive that started at Gandhi Park and ended at Anaikatti.

The volunteers picked up plastic and other waste between 6 a.m. and 11 a.m. and the total waste collected was over 30 tonnes.

The organisers had divided the 30-km stretch of the road into 50 segments for volunteers to work. The volunteers assembled at the Government College of Technology on Thadagam Road and from there the organisers took them to the segments concerned.

A few education institutions had lent their buses to support the cause. A few volunteers reached the segments assigned to them in their vehicles.

They then went about collecting the waste. Coimbatore Corporation had also supported the cause by sending its conservancy workers and deploying vehicles to transport the waste.

The organisers had also engaged an earth mover to clear waste in those pockets that was difficult for people to work.

Mr. Krishnakumar said that the volunteers worked hard in the five hours to collect over 30 tonnes waste under the programme called Tsunami Sweep. The Coimbatore Chapter of Young Indians, Builders Association of India, CREDAI and a

few Round Table organisations and others had supported the cause.