

Dear All,

As you may be aware, the “Waste to Wealth Mission” of the Government of India is one of the nine scientific missions of the Prime Minister’s Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council (PMSTIAC). The Mission is spearheaded by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA), Government of India.

The role of young students from schools/colleges/universities, and citizens working under Self Help Groups (SHGs) or sanitation workers, is key in sensitizing the communities towards waste management and offer innovative solutions for conversion of waste to value. In an endeavor to involve them as “Swachhta Saarthis” in this mission, the Office of the PSA is inviting applications for award of “Swachhta Saarthi Fellowship (SSF)”. There are three separate categories for applicants:

- Category A (school students from 9th to 12th class)
- Category B (college/university/institute students)
- Category C (self help groups/sanitation workers/Community Citizens)

This fellowship is expected to empower prospective fellows to implement their own ideas to reduce waste in cities and rural areas.

Biotech Consortium India Limited (BCIL), New Delhi, an initiative of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India and setup by the All India Financial Institutions is assisting office of the PSA and Invest India in implementing this programme throughout the country.

We request you to kindly circulate this information at your school/college/university and encourage students, SHGs and sanitation workers to submit their ideas at <https://www.wastetowealth.gov.in/fellowship-listing/swachhta-saarathi-fellowship-cohort-2022>. The selected fellows will be provided fellowship amount for a period of one year and the opportunity to show case their initiatives at suitable foras. The details about the fellowship are available at the abovementioned link and also attached herewith. The last date for applying online is **4th April 2022**.