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GEDA to launch green campaigns in schools

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Ahmedabad: Gujarat Energy Development Agency (GEDA), which has been conducting a programme for school children in the state for the last five years has decided to extend its scope to green buildings as well as sustainable buildings.

The objective of the Bal Urja Rakshak Dal (BURD), 'teams of child energy guards', programme is to mobilise children as Urja Rakshaks — energy guardians, who will take on the challenge to motivate responsible, rational, and restrained use of energy in their homes, schools and community by encouraging right and honest energy choices.

"The programme is designed to tap children's potential as persuasive and powerful

agents of change in their immediate community. The young energy guardians reach out to the community to promote best practices in energy conservation, impart knowledge about energy efficient technologies, campaign for renewable energy alternatives and advocate ethical use of energy," said Daksha Vaja from GEDA.

The theme of the programme this year is 'save energy, save money, save earth'. The programme will activate 3600 schools — 1800 secondary and 1800 primary, touching close to 50,000 children, from secondary and higher secondary school students. Each partici-

pating school will have a team of 25 Urja Rakshaks and two Urja Agevans — mentor teachers to support the programme.

"The team will be visiting local sustained built forms, some even considered as our heritage buildings. the team will have to submit a collage, a presentation in the multimedia format, a street play or a working model of the study tour site," added Vaja.

Along with this there is also a competition where students have to make 'Best from Waste' in the form of greeting card and working model on energy generation from waste.



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