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## Clean Parks Lead to a Clean World

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Mumbai has many parks. The Hanging Gardens, SGNP (Sanjay Gandhi National Park), Oval Maidan and the Priyadarshani Park are some popular ones. But now these parks have lost their charm. The greenery in these parks has been replaced with heaps of litter and not so well groomed plants and trees. Flowers are a rarity.

The parks in London are completely different. Every neighborhood has a lot of greenery. During my stay

there lately, we experienced the 'Indian Summer'. The temperature was just right for a hearty walk in the

park. The nearest to us was the South Park. The usual scenario is the laughter and buzzing of children and



the swishing of the trees as the wind whistles through its branches. Not a drop of dog foul lies on the foot-paths even when one sees dogs running all over giving their masters an aerobic chase. They even chased me and I laughed as they trotted behind me with dangling tongues trying to keep pace.

Our population level is the same as the London citizens. Even then our waste levels are soaring. Why? It is because the authorities are weak and we, as citizens do not care for

the city. To make the city stronger, we must make the authorities stronger. We must not leave it to the BMC or the BNHS to work alone. We must work with them. Even a small thing like a chocolate wrapper dropped on the ground matters. It will be our generation's world, not theirs. So to make a change we must start with the parks in our neighborhood. Remember, to make something big you must start small.