

THE E-WASTE WORKSHOP
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The **E-waste workshop** or the **Electronic waste workshop** kick started at RSA on 28th of July 2016 and went on till the 31st of July 2016.

First day that's 28th, we were made to bring in electronic wastes mainly circuit boards of Televisions, cell phones etc. We started cleaning the boards since they were very dirty. Tools like hammer, pliers etc were used in order to remove the protruding objects e.g capacitors from the boards and make an even surface. It took us almost one full day to prepare 30 to 40 kgs of the circuit boards. Then we prepared a layout of the ghat for making the mural using the waste. The layout was printed on flex and we started working in it in the next morning.

On 29th we were made to assemble and were introduced to **Ms. Aarti Badamkar** who is an artist and designer running her own studio named "**CONCEPT ART**" which is currently located in Mumbai. She is a mural/sculpture expert. She gave us a brief intro of herself and her works she also showed us what we will be doing on this particular workshop.

7th semester students took the lead in cutting the flex and then tracing it on ply board which contained the outline images of the Ghats and then our own carpenter from the RGI helped us in cutting the ply board with his machine. The machine was a bit noisy, but produced fine cuts.

After the cutting of boards was done, we started mixing the two adhesive which was applied on the circuit boards and glued on the board. The ply board was the base for the circuit boards. Later we formed groups and divided the work of sticking and cutting the boards. By the end of the day, there were some good parts of the mural ready. Other few had to be redone.

Next day we painted the background for the mural, which was then screwed to the wall. At the end of the day, the ghat mural was mounted on the wall and finishing touches were given. Now the mural was ready and it was time to click selfies and group photos.

It was indeed a tiring workshop but it was fun too. We got to learn something new and how to work on it. It taught us how we can reuse electronic waste. If each of us end up coming out with some good works using waste products, then we will have a cleaner and greener surrounding.