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New ultralight material offers many uses for plastic waste:

Researchers in Singapore are seeking a patent for a new sound-proof and heat-resistant material made from recycled plastic bottles they say could help reduce plastic waste dumped in oceans and clogging landfills. The National University of Singapore team said it had found a way to convert bottles made from polyethylene terephthalate into aerogels that have many potential uses — from insulation and fire safety to cleaning up oil spills.

Awareness workshop on plastic

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Chennai: Greater Chennai corporation held an awareness workshop on plastic use on Thursday at the corporation higher secondary school at New Washermenpet. Nearly 1490 students and 70 teachers took part in the workshop. They were taught about the ill-effects of indiscriminate plastic use and were educated on al-

ternatives such as bagasse plates, cloth bags and banana leaves. They formed a human chain at Arunachala Easwarar temple to create awareness among public to avoid plastic bags. The health department of the Chennai corporation also told them about Dengue and the measures to be taken to keep their surrounding clean and reduce breeding spots of Aedes mosquito.

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