To curb wastage, JVPD residents, NGOs install community fridge


India, the 2nd most populous country in the world has the largest hungry population in the world. Almost 20% of our people go to bed without sufficient and nutritious food every day. 3,000 children in India die every day, the cause being some or the other poor diet related illness. 50% of the India’s children are chronically malnourished and close to 1.3 million of these die every year.

A group of Juhu residents and an NGO (Archana Foundation) have come together to install a community fridge in the area. The fridge, which is installed between the 5th and 6th Roads, near the municipal market in JVPD, was inaugurated on Sunday. The initiative was spearheaded by Dr Rashi Agarwal, who is a member of the NGO. She mentioned that the project took shape, after she found food wastage at house parties in Juhu. So, she sounded out her friends, and tied up with another NGO (Happy Women, Happy World), to do their bit to both reduce the wastage and ensure that excess food reached the needy.

“When it comes to making big changes, small steps are everything. Hope it can encourage you too to start thinking about it.”