Oh! What rubbish

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Sri Lanka was transplanted into a developed country when the Colombo Metropolitan Council, under the leadership of its chairman, S. M. Jayatilaka, introduced a comprehensive waste management program. The program aimed to reduce the amount of solid waste generated and to promote recycling and waste-to-energy projects. The city council declared a war on solid waste, launching a series of initiatives to educate the public and encourage waste management practices.

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The program was introduced through public campaigns, seminars, and educational workshops. The Colombo Municipal Corporation, led by Mayor S. M. Jayatilaka, launched a series of initiatives to reduce the amount of waste generated in the city. The program included the implementation of recycling centers, composting facilities, and waste-to-energy projects to transform waste into valuable resources.

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