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MOUNTAINS OF CHANGE: TRANSFORMING WASTE MANAGEMENT IN HILLY AREAS



Strengthening Circular Economy: Gangtok's RRR Centre Leads Textile Waste Management

The Gangtok Municipal Corporation (GMC) has established a RRR Centre at Deorali to address the growing challenge of textile waste entering natural water bodies and contributing to environmental degradation. Although awareness activities

reuse and recycling streams. Inaugurated on 24 June 2024, the RRR Centre offers a dedicated drop-off point where residents can deposit reusable items such as clothes, books, and fabric. GMC oversees the collection process and collaborates with authorised scrap dealers for the transportation of materials outside Sikkim for recycling, given the absence of in-state processing facilities.



were undertaken in the past, improper disposal of textiles by citizens remained a persistent concern. The RRR Centre was conceptualised to provide a structured system for the collection, reuse, and recycling of discarded materials, thereby reducing pollution and promoting responsible waste practices. Key stakeholders in this initiative include the Gangtok Municipal Corporation, local citizens, and registered scrap dealers. Scrap dealers play an essential role in ensuring that items collected are channelled back into the economy through

Additionally, regular collection drives across all wards have been institutionalised to ensure widespread public participation and sustained engagement.

The initiative supports sustainable consumption patterns by extending the lifecycle of products and lowering the demand for virgin raw materials. Scrap dealers play an essential role in ensuring that items collected are channelled back into the economy through reuse and recycling streams.

In terms of its impact, the

initiative diverts significant quantities of waste away from landfills, reducing the environmental burden, while fostering a culture of reuse and responsible disposal among citizens.

Mangan's Model for Smart, Sustainable Waste Management in Sikkim

Mangan, a small Nagar Panchayat in Sikkim with a population of around 6,000, has become a benchmark for solid waste management under Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0. By combining community engagement, innovative strategies, and a strong focus on sustainability, Mangan has set an example for urban local bodies across Sikkim and the northeastern region.

A standout initiative is the PET shredding machine installed at Mangan Bazaar in September 2021, the first of its kind in the state. This facility allows residents

to process plastic bottles into smaller flakes, reducing plastic waste volume by 85 percent and significantly lowering the town's plastic footprint.

Beyond plastic management, Mangan has established a state-of-the-art Material Recovery Facility (MRF) with a capacity of 5 tonnes per day, efficiently converting municipal waste into recyclable materials and high-quality compost, which is sold to the public, generating revenue for the Nagar Panchayat. The town also operates a Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR) centre, enabling citizens to donate surplus items and further minimize waste. Household participation is encouraged through the "3 Bin, 1 Bag" segregation system, and two wards have been declared "Zero Wet Waste" zones, reflecting Mangan's goal of achieving 100 percent source segregation by 2025.

These combined efforts have earned Mangan recognition

as the cleanest ULB in Sikkim and the second cleanest in the northeast, receiving multiple awards in 2022 and 2023. Mangan's holistic approach demonstrates how technology, citizen engagement, and innovative practices can transform small towns into models of sustainable urban waste management.

Guardians of the Sacred Lake: The Tsomgo Cleanliness Movement in



Sikkim

Perched at nearly 12,000 feet, Tsomgo Lake is one of Sikkim's most treasured natural wonders and the Tsomgo Pokhri Sanrakshan Samiti (TPSS) has emerged as its steadfast guardian. Driven by a deep sense of community ownership, the TPSS has built an impressive model of lake conservation that blends waste management, awareness, and sustainable tourism. From managing daily waste generated by visitors to educating tourists about ecological

to clean the surroundings, including yak excrement—a challenge unique to the region's tourism ecosystem.

Over the years, the Samiti has also carried out major clean-up drives, removing accumulated waste from the lake and its wetlands. Practical measures like banning cup noodles and providing garbage bags to drivers have significantly reduced littering. A conservation fee collected from

tourists funds regular maintenance, lake guards, and community capacity-building initiatives. TPSS runs awareness campaigns on environmental protection, urging visitors to avoid plastic bottles and respect the fragile alpine landscape. Their efforts extend beyond tourists—local vendors and residents are trained to adopt sustainable practices that protect the lake's ecology.

Working closely with the state government, NGOs, and the local community, TPSS has



sensitivity, the Samiti ensures that the serenity of this high-altitude lake remains undisturbed.

With 52 shops operating around the lake, TPSS has put in place a structured waste collection system, ensuring that all waste is transported to a designated recovery centre. Dedicated staff are employed

even relocated a commercial complex away from a sensitive wetland zone.

Today, Tsomgo Lake is celebrated as one of India's cleanest tourist sites, with TPSS receiving multiple national awards for its remarkable stewardship.

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Himalayan Hill city initiatives

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₹1000-cr clean hill cities drive to bank on decentralised, resilient technologies

By HT Correspondent

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Officials said the programme marks a shift away from applying urban management models designed for the plains to hill cities. (@swachhbharat | Official X account)

A ₹1,000 crore initiative for clean hill cities under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) 2.0 will be rolled out in January, Srinivas K, secretary at union ministry of housing and urban Affairs (MoHUA), said on Tuesday.

He was speaking as part of a preparatory workshop for this scheme in the national capital attended by officials of 12 Himalayan and northeastern states and that of five hill cities from West Bengal.

Roopa Mishra, joint secretary at MoHUA, said states have been asked to develop their own templates under the mission, tailored to local geography, climate and capacity constraints.

“These templates must be scalable, implementable and replicable within their regions,” she said.

Senior officials said the programme marks a shift away from applying urban management models designed for the plains to hill cities.

Officials acknowledged that earlier interventions often relied on centralised and capital-intensive technologies that proved unsuitable for high-altitude towns. In several cases, solid waste management facilities and treatment plants commissioned in hill cities became non-functional due to poor accessibility, lack of locally trained manpower, and the inability of technologies to operate in sub-zero conditions.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/1000cr-clean-hill-cities-drive-to-bank-on-decentralised-resilient-technologies-101765880504853.html>

Centre to launch Clean Himalayan Cities Initiative to tackle plastic & other waste

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New Delhi: As hill cities and major tourist destinations face the challenge of tackling mammoth landfills of plastic and other municipal waste, Centre has decided to roll out Clean Himalayan Cities Initiative soon to provide financial and technical assistance. Speaking at a workshop organised by the housing and urban affairs ministry, experts working in these areas flagged the culture of consumption of instant noodles and energy drinks rather than local food, which also generate huge plastic waste.

Addressing experts and stakeholders, housing and urban affairs secretary S Katikithala said that there is an urgent need to address growing concerns as cities in hill states witness a tourism surge and organise events and festivals bringing in large crowds.

Officials said that besides the cities in hill states, foothill cities of West Bengal — Darjeeling, Kurseong, Kalimpong, Mirik and Siliguri — are also included in the initiative.

“Under the Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban, Himalayan hill cities have demonstrated several impactful on-ground initiatives and best practices that offer replicable and scalable solutions, driven by strong community participation and supported by appropriate technologies.

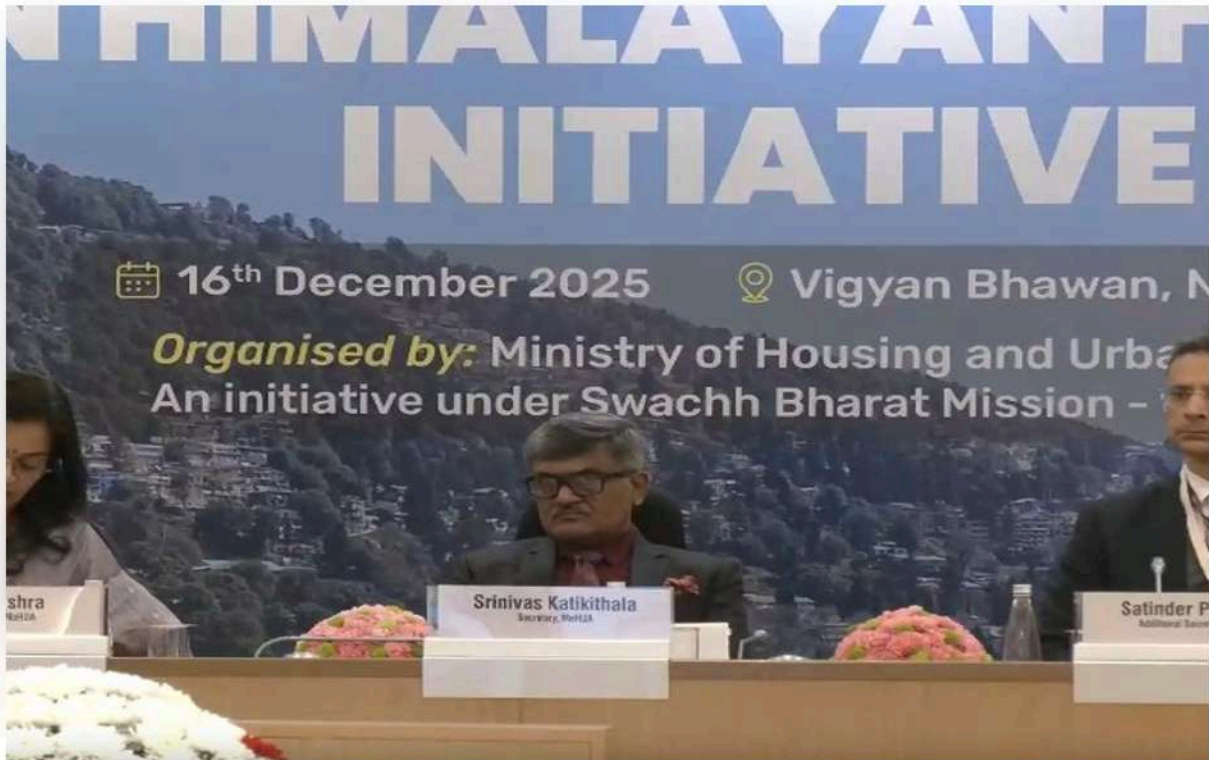
Building on these successes and with an aim to further accelerate and amplify such efforts, this initiative will strengthen collaboration, share knowledge and chart a sustainable pathway for clean and resilient hill cities,” the ministry said.

Officials said that India’s hill and Himalayan states — including Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, and select cities in West Bengal — face distinct urban challenges due to fragile ecosystems, steep and unstable terrain, dispersed settlements and extreme climatic conditions.

The ministry said, “Following the workshop, participating states/ UTs will undertake detailed assessments to identify priority focus areas, evaluate requirements, and prepare comprehensive plans for submission to the ministry. These interventions are proposed to be rolled out in early 2026, with the objective of bringing about tangible improvements and visible changes in the Himalayan hill cities.”

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/centre-to-launch-clean-himalayan-cities-initiative-to-tackle-plastic-other-waste/articleshow/126016331.cms>

क्लीन हिमालयन हिल सिटीज इनिशिएटिव: हिमालयी पहाड़ी शहरों को कचरा मुक्त बनाने की नई पहल



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नई दिल्ली, 16 दिसंबर (आईएनएस)। दिल्ली के विज्ञान भवन में मंगलवार को क्लीन हिमालयन हिल सिटीज इनिशिएटिव की तैयारी वर्कशॉप आयोजित की गई। यह पहल स्वच्छ भारत मिशन-अर्बन 2.0 के तहत हिमालयी और पहाड़ी शहरों में ठोस कचरा प्रबंधन को मजबूत करने पर केंद्रित है।

नवंबर में घोषित 1000 करोड़ रुपये के हिल एंड हिमालयन सिटीज फोकस्ड फंड के साथ यह इनिशिएटिव जनवरी 2026 से लागू होगा। वर्कशॉप में 13 राज्यों के प्रतिनिधि, विशेषज्ञ और एनजीओ शामिल हुए, जहां हिमालय की नाजुक पारिस्थितिकी को ध्यान में रखते हुए डिसेंट्रलाइज्ड और रेजिलिएंट टेक्नोलॉजी पर जोर दिया गया।

आवास एवं शहरी मामलों के मंत्रालय के सेक्रेटरी श्रीनिवास कटिकिथाला ने इनिशिएटिव की घोषणा करते हुए कहा, "हिमालय और यह पूरा इलाका धरती के सबसे नए पहाड़ सिस्टम में से एक है। हिमालय में सब कुछ हिल रहा है—पानी, धरती, चट्टानें और लोग। उत्तराखंड से मैदानों की ओर माइग्रेशन के अलावा अब टूरिज्म और प्राकृतिक आपदाओं में बढ़ोतरी हो रही है, जो शहरों के प्रबंधन को चुनौती दे रही है।"

जॉइंट सेक्रेटरी रूपा मिश्रा ने कहा, "सेक्रेटरी ने पहाड़ी शहरों पर फोकस की खास पहल का कॉन्सेप्ट दिया था। पिछले 48 घंटों में हमने 13 राज्यों—नॉर्थ-ईस्ट के 8, हिमालय के 4 और पश्चिम बंगाल के 5 शहरों—की टीमों की खूबसूरत कहानियां देखीं, जो सोशल मीडिया पर शेयर हो रही हैं।"

कीपिंग द एनवायरनमेंट इकोलॉजिकली नेचुरल (कीन) की चेयरपर्सन सुनीता कुडले ने बताया, "कीन यानी कीपिंग द एनवायरनमेंट इकोलॉजिकली नेचुरल, मसूरी के निवासियों का नागरिक आंदोलन है। हम घर-घर कचरा इकट्ठा करने, अलग करने और ट्रांसपोर्ट करने का काम करते हैं, जो मसूरी नगर परिषद ने हमें आउटसोर्स किया है।"

इंटीग्रेटेड माउंटेन इनिशिएटिव के रोशन राय ने कहा, "हम पहाड़ों से जुड़े मुद्दों के लिए प्लेटफॉर्म हैं, जहां हिमालय की नाजुक सामाजिक-पारिस्थितिकी के लिए संवेदनशील पॉलिसी की जरूरत है।"

पर्यावरणविद मनोज बेंझवाल ने कहा, "स्वच्छ भारत मिशन एक आंदोलन है। 1997 से मैं युवाओं को ट्रेकिंग पर कचरा वापस लाने के लिए प्रेरित करता हूं।"

हीलिंग हिमालयाज के फाउंडर प्रदीप सांगवान ने बताया, "टूरिस्ट डेस्टिनेशन पर सफाई अभियान चलाते हैं, समुदाय इकट्ठा करते हैं और कचरे का ऑडिट करते हैं।"

एज़्योर लोटस फाउंडेशन की इत्तिशा सारा ने कहा, "कचरे की समस्या से चिंतित होकर मैंने सोशल डिजाइन में मास्टर किया और इस फील्ड में काम शुरू किया।"

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<https://hindi.ianslive.in/clean-himalayan-hill-cities-initiative-himalayi-pahadi-shahron-ko-kachra-mukt-banane-ki-nai-pehal--20251216230817>



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Exclusive: Himalayan States Recording Waste Management Innovations



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As the first light of the day touches the Himalayan ranges, life begins quietly across the majestic mountains. In hill towns, sanitation workers navigate narrow pathways to collect household waste.

On school campuses, students segregate waste as part of routine practice, while at pilgrimage sites, visitors use designated collection points. These everyday actions reflect a growing emphasis on organised waste management in the Himalayan region, which is further shaped by high-altitude settlements, difficult terrain, climatic variability, and limited land availability.

Seasonal tourism and pilgrimage activities add to these operational demands, requiring locally adapted and decentralised solutions. Recognising these conditions, governments at all levels have strengthened waste management efforts under **Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0**, with a focus on **source segregation, scientific waste management, and remediation of legacy dumpsites and active citizen and institutional participation.**



Kedarnath Fights Plastic Waste With Digital Refund System

Kedarnath, a prominent pilgrimage destination in Uttarakhand, witnesses a seasonal influx of thousands of devotees, requiring structured arrangements for plastic waste management. To address the concern, the state government introduced a **Digital Deposit Refund System (DRS)** in May 2022 in collaboration with Recykal.

Under the system, plastic bottles and **Multilayered Plastic (MLPs)** items are issued with **Unique Serialised Identification (USI) QR codes**, against which a refundable deposit of ₹10 is collected. Pilgrims can return used items at designated points or at two **Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs)** installed at Gaurikund and the Kedarnath temple. The deposit amount is refunded digitally through UPI.

<https://jharkhandstatenews.com/article/top-stories/10602/exclusive-hi-malayan-states-recording-waste-management-innovations>



New Initiative Launched for Cleaner Himalayan Hill Cities



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On December 16, 2025, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) hosted a groundbreaking workshop at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi to kickstart the Clean Himalayan Hill Cities Initiative. This initiative aims to develop a strategic and practical roadmap to enhance cleanliness and sustainability in the region's hill cities, engaging vital stakeholders from various sectors.

The Clean Himalayan Hill Cities Initiative marks a significant advancement in the collective efforts to address urban cleanliness challenges. It aligns with the vision of the Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban, emphasizing the need for Garbage Free Cities. The official announcement of this new initiative was made during the National Urban Conclave held from November 8 to 9, 2025.

Engaging Key Stakeholders

Chaired by MoHUA's Secretary, Shri S. Katikithala, the workshop gathered urban experts, representatives from technical agencies, private sector partners, and leaders from 13 Himalayan and North-Eastern cities, including prominent hill cities from West Bengal such as Darjeeling and Kalimpong. The focus was to harness shared insights and experiences to develop tailored solutions for these unique urban areas. Under the Swachh Bharat Mission, Himalayan hill cities have implemented successful initiatives driven by community involvement and appropriate technologies. The goal of the new initiative is to further bolster these efforts by establishing stronger partnerships, exchanging knowledge, and creating sustainable solutions for clean and resilient urban environments.

<https://observoice.com/new-initiative-launched-for-cleaner-himalayan-hill-cities-165768/>

A Unique Initiative of the Urban Development Ministry for the Development of Himalayan Cities

हिमालयन शहरों के विकास के लिए शहरी विकास मंत्रालय की एक अनोखी पहल

यह पहल शहरी विकास मंत्रालय के तहत स्मार्ट सिटीज मिशन का हिस्सा

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) : आवास और शहरी मामलों के मंत्रालय ने क्लीन हिमालयन हिल सिटीज पहल के लिए नई दिल्ली स्थित विज्ञान भवन में एक तैयारी कार्यशाला आयोजित की, जिसका उद्देश्य हिमालयी शहरों को स्वच्छ और टिकाऊ बनाना है, जिसमें कचरा प्रबंधन, जल संरक्षण, और प्रदूषण नियंत्रण जैसे मुद्दों पर रोडमैप तैयार किया जाना है। तैयारी कार्यशाला में हिमालयन शहरों में सफाई को मजबूत करने के लिए राज्य, विशेषज्ञ और पार्टनर एक साथ आए। इस अवसर पर हिमालयी और पहाड़ी शहरों में सफाई को मजबूत करने के लिए नॉलेज प्रोडक्ट लॉन्च किए गए। यह पहल शहरी विकास मंत्रालय के तहत स्मार्ट सिटीज मिशन का हिस्सा है, जो नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ अर्बन अफेयर्स के साथ मिलकर काम कर रही है, ताकि



इन पहाड़ी शहरों के लिए एक व्यापक रणनीति बनाई जा सके, जिसमें स्थानीय अर्थव्यवस्था और आजीविका पर भी ध्यान दिया जाएगा। मंत्रालय के सचिव एस. कटिकिथला की अध्यक्षता में, इस पहल में 13 नॉर्थ-ईस्ट और हिमालयन हिल शहरों के शहरी विशेषज्ञ, टेक्निकल एजेंसियों, प्राइवेट पार्टनर्स, टेक्नोलॉजी सॉल्यूशन प्रोवाइडर्स और सीनियर रिप्रेजेंटेटिव्स को एक साथ लाया गया

है। इसके अलावा, पश्चिम बंगाल के मुख्य हिल और फुटहिल शहर दार्जिलिंग, कुर्सेओंग, कलिम्पोंग, मिरिक और सिलीगुड़ी भी इस पहल में शामिल हैं। तैयारी के लिए यह कार्यशाला हर तरह के लोगों से सलाह करके एक रणनीति बनाने पर फोकस करती है। इसमें राज्य के प्रतिनिधि, पार्टनर संगठन, सॉल्यूशन प्रोवाइडर शामिल हैं, जिनमें आईआईटी रुड़की, जीबी पंत

यूनिवर्सिटी के साथ-साथ एकेडमिक और रिसर्च संस्थान, सुलभ इंटरनेशनल, वेस्ट वॉरियर्स, हीलिंग हिमालय जैसे सिविल सोसाइटी और कम्युनिटी संगठन जैसी ग्लोबल मल्टीलेटरल एजेंसियां शामिल हैं।

पहल का उद्देश्य शहरी विकास के लिए एक समग्र दृष्टिकोण विकसित करना है हिमालयी क्षेत्रों में स्वच्छता, पर्यावरण संरक्षण और शहरी विकास के लिए एक समग्र दृष्टिकोण विकसित करना है। इस परियोजना में जम्मू और कश्मीर, लद्दाख, हिमाचल प्रदेश, उत्तराखंड, सिक्किम, असम, अरुणाचल प्रदेश, मेघालय, मणिपुर, मिजोरम, नागालैंड, त्रिपुरा और पश्चिम बंगाल के कुछ शहर शामिल हैं। नाजुक इकोसिस्टम, खड़ी और अस्थिर जमीन की वजह से अलग-अलग शहरी चुनौतियों का सामना कर रहे हैं।

Solid Waste Management to Improve in Hilly Cities with ₹1000 Crore

पहाड़ी शहरों में 1000 करोड़ से सुधरेगा सॉलिड वेस्ट मैनेजमेंट

नई दिल्ली, 16 दिसम्बर (नवोदय टाइम्स): पहाड़ी शहरों में सॉलिड वेस्ट मैनेजमेंट में सुधार पर एक हजार करोड़ रुपए खर्च किए जाएंगे। यह कोष पहले से ही केंद्रीय आवास एवं शहरी मामला मंत्रालय के पास है। भारत के समावेशी, लचीले और सुशासित शहरों के निर्माण के लिए रोडमैप के कार्यावयन पर राष्ट्रीय शहरी सम्मेलन में यह बात सामने आई। पूरा कार्य स्वच्छ भारत मिशन-शहरी 2.0 के तहत किया जाएगा। केंद्रीय राज्य मंत्री तोखन साहू ने यह जानकारी कार्यशाला में साझा की।

तोखन साहू ने कहा कि विकसित भारत का हमारा दृष्टिकोण एक ऐसे भारत को लेकर है जहां हर शहरी नागरिक, चाहे वह एक स्ट्रीट वेंडर हो, अपशिष्ट प्रबंधक हो, निर्माण श्रमिक हो या गिग वर्कर हो, राष्ट्र के विकास में एक सम्मानजनक भागीदार बनाता है। मंत्री तोखन साहू ने यशोभूमि इंडिया इंटरनेशनल कन्वेंशन सेंटर में 2047 के विकासशील भारत के दृष्टिकोण को आगे बढ़ाने की प्रतिबद्धता को दर्शाते हुए माननीय केंद्रीय आवास एवं शहरी कार्य राज्य मंत्री श्री तोखन साहू ने कहा कि हम गरीबी उन्मूलन के मॉडल से आगे बढ़कर सशक्तिकरण और

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उद्यमिता के मॉडल की ओर बढ़ रहे हैं। इस परिवर्तन को बनाए रखने के लिए, हमें केंद्र, राज्यों, शहरी स्थानीय निकायों और निजी क्षेत्र के बीच समन्वय और प्रतिबद्धता बनाए रखनी होगी। पहाड़ी और हिमालयी शहरों में ठोस अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन में तेजी लाने के लिए उन्होंने घोषणा की कि इन पारिस्थितिक रूप से संवेदनशील क्षेत्रों की विशिष्ट आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने हेतु स्वच्छ भारत मिशन-शहरी 2.0 के अंतर्गत ₹1,000 करोड़ का पहाड़ी और हिमालयी शहर केंद्रित कोष शुरू किया जा रहा है।

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The workshop witnessed the launch of key knowledge products aimed at strengthening sanitation and waste management in Himalayan and Hill cities. These include "Mountains of Change: Transforming Waste Management in Hilly Areas", a compendium of best practices from hilly regions, along with an "Advisory on Onsite Sanitation for Colder Regions" and an "Advisory on Promoting Offtake of Treated Sewage Sludge, offering practical guidance to support climate-responsive and sustainable urban solutions.

The Clean Himalayan and Hill Cities Initiative will enable States/UTs and partners to identify specific challenges and solutions related to waste management and sanitation, particularly in areas of high footfall areas – driven by pilgrimage routes, seasonal hotspots etc.

Following the workshop, participating States/UTs will undertake detailed assessments to identify priority focus areas, evaluate requirements, and prepare comprehensive plans for submission to the Ministry. These interventions are proposed to be rolled out in early 2026, with the objective of bringing about tangible improvements and visible changes in the Himalayan hill cities.

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Ladakh Transforming Waste Management in Harsh Geographical Conditions

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لداخ کے قبیلہ کوسیات میں تیز رفتار مٹانے اور شہری پھیلاؤ کے باعث طویل عرصے سے کچرے کے انتظام کے سنگین مسائل کا سامنا کر رہا ہے۔ ہر سال کچرے کے ڈھیر بڑھتے اور آبی وسائل کے سکونے کے ساتھ، ماحولیاتی طور پر نازک اس قصبے کو پائیدار حل تلاش کرنے پر مجبور ہونا پڑا۔ اس منصوبہ کے تحت شمسی توانائی سے چلنے والے کچرا پروسیسنگ نظام، زیر زمین پانی کے تحفظ اور لینڈ فیل کی بحالی جیسے اقدامات اختیار کیے گئے۔

لداخ خود مختار پہاڑی ترقیاتی کونسل (ایل اے ڈی سی) نے سال 2020 میں شمسی توانائی پر مبنی طویل کچرا انتظام کا ایک منصوبہ شروع کیا۔ یہ پلانٹ روزانہ 30 ٹن کچرا پروسیس کرنے کی صلاحیت رکھتا ہے اور شمسی توانائی کے استعمال کے ذریعے روایتی بجلی پر انحصار کم کرتا ہے۔ آپریشنل اخراجات کماتا ہے اور اس دور دراز خطے میں باضابطہ کام کو یقینی بناتا ہے۔ سو فیصد ماحول پر کچرے کی طبیعتی (سورس سیکریشن) اور 90 فیصد مواد کی بازیابی کے ذریعے کچرے کے ساتھ، یہ منصوبہ اس بات کو یقینی بناتا ہے کہ مٹی کی کھدائی یا دھواں کچرا یا توری سائیکل کیا جائے یا کھاد میں تبدیل ہو جس سے لینڈ فیل تک پہنچنے والا کچرا کم ہو اور ماحولیاتی آلودگی میں کمی آئے۔

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(بشکریہ: وزارت باؤ سنگ شہری امور/ پی آئی ٹی سری نگر)



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روایتی بجلی پر انحصار کم کرتا ہے، آپریشن
اخراجات کماتا ہے اور اس دور دراز ٹیبلے
میں باقاعدگی سے کام کو یقینی بناتا ہے۔ سو فیصد
فاصلے پر کچرے کی صفائی (سورس
سیکریشن) اور 90 فیصد مواد کی
پائیداری کے فرق کے ساتھ، یہ منصوبہ اس
پائیداری کو یقینی بناتا ہے کہ کچرے کو کیا کرنا بہتر
ہوگا اور وہی سائیکل کیا جائے گا کھاد میں
تبدیل ہو، جس سے لینڈ فیل میں کچرے والا
کچرا کم ہو اور ماحولیاتی آلودگی میں کمی
آئے۔ یہ منصوبہ سرکاری اعلیٰ ماڈل پر

یہ اہل

لداخ کے قصبے لیہہ کو
سیاحت میں تیز رفتار اضافے اور شہری
پیداوار کے باعث طویل عرصے سے
نویں کچرے کے انتظام کے سنگین
مسائل کا سامنا رہا ہے۔ برساتی کچرے
کے ذخیرے اور آبی وسائل کے
سکڑنے کے ساتھ، ماحولیاتی طور پر
نازک اس قصبے کو پائیدار عمل تلاش کرنے
پر مجبور ہونا پڑا۔ اس منصوبہ کے تحت شمسی
توانائی سے چلنے والے کچرا پروسیجرنگ
انعام مارن لٹن پانی کے ٹھکانے اور لینڈ فیل
کی بجائے جیسے اقدامات اختیار کیے
گئے۔ لداخ خود کار پہاڑی ترقیاتی
کونسل (ایم اے ڈی ڈی سی) نے

کسی طرح شمسی توانائی سے چلنے والا
کیونکہ یہ مبنی کچرا انتظام دیگر پہاڑی اور
سیاحتی علاقوں میں بھی اپنایا جاسکتا ہے۔
یہ ماڈل اس بات کی مثال پیش کرتا ہے کہ
منصوبہ عملی طور پر پانچواں بن گیا ہے۔ وہی
سائیکلنگ، دوبارہ استعمال اور دہلے
ایئر لینی پروجیکٹ میں کچرے کو آگے بڑھانے کا
یہ ماڈل اس بات کی مثال پیش کرتا ہے کہ

جمع ہونے کو کم کرتا ہے۔ ایک کاربنی اخراج
میں بھی کمی آتا ہے، طویل مدتی ماحولیاتی
پائیداری کو فروغ دیتا ہے اور بڑھتے
ہوئے شہری و سیاحتی دہانے کے ساتھ ہم
آہنگ رہتے ہوئے کچرا انتظام کو یقینی بناتا
ہے۔ تاکہ مقامی باشندوں اور سیاحوں
دونوں کے لیے صاف اور صحت مند
ماحولیاتی فراہم کیا جاسکے۔

Preparation of Strategy for Clean Himalayan Hill Cities; Central Ministry of Urban Affairs' New Initiative

صاف ہمالیائی پہاڑی شہروں کے لیے حکمت عملی کی تیاری؛ مرکزی وزارت شہری امور کی نئی پہل

نئی دہلی میں موجودہ کی تیاریاتی ورکشاپ، ریاستوں، ماہرین اور شراکت داروں کی وسیع شرکت؛ ہمالیائی پہاڑی شہروں میں صفائی مضبوط بنانے کے لیے نالج پروڈکشن کا اجرا

اس اقدام کا اعلان وزارت شہری امور کی جانب سے نیشنل اربن کالیکٹیو 2025 (9+8 نومبر 2025) کے دوران کیا گیا تھا، جو سوچہ بھارت مشن- اربن کے، "کارچ فری سٹیٹ" وژن کو مزید تقویت دیتا ہے۔ اس پہل میں شمال مشرقی اور ہمالیائی ریاستوں کے

علاؤ مغربی بنگال کے اہم پہاڑی اور دامن پہاڑ کے شہر دارجلنگ، کرسیاگ، کالپونگ، میریک اور سیلی گڑی کو بھی شامل کیا گیا ہے۔ اس طرح یہ اقدام پورے ہمالیائی خطے میں۔ صاف ہمالیائی۔



صاف ہمالیائی اور پہاڑی شہر اقدام، شہری صفائی کے حوالے سے ایک جامع اور ہدف پر مبنی حکمت عملی کی جانب ایک اہم قدم ہے۔

کے سینئر نمائندوں نے شرکت کی۔ ورکشاپ کی صدارت سکریٹری، وزارت ہاؤسنگ و شہری امور، شری اہس۔ کاٹھیا لائے کی۔

مختلف ریاستوں، شہری ماہرین، تنظیمیں اور اوروں، شری شراکت داروں، ٹیکنالوجی سلوٹن فراہم کرنے والوں اور ہمالیائی و شمال مشرقی خطے کے 13 پہاڑی شہروں

نئی دہلی: وزارت ہاؤسنگ و شہری امور (موبو) نے آج وکیان بھون، نئی دہلی میں "صاف ہمالیائی پہاڑی شہر" اقدام کے تحت ایک اہم تیاریاتی ورکشاپ کا انعقاد کیا، جس کا مقصد ہمالیائی اور پہاڑی شہروں میں پاکیزہ، موثر اور نمایاں صفائی کے حصول کے لیے ایک واضح، اسٹرٹجک اور نتیجہ خیز روڈ میپ تیار کرنا تھا۔ یہ تیاریاتی ورکشاپ 16 دسمبر 2025 کو منعقد ہوئی، جس میں

ل: راج ناتھ سنگھ

کی ایوارڈز برائے امتیاز عطا

ورکشا کہ یہی وہ انتظامی اقدار ست بھارت کے پوف کے یکھیدی کردار ادا کرتی ہیں۔

وزیر دفاع نے ڈی جی کی جانب سے ڈیجیٹل لینڈ سیٹلائٹ امیجری کے نیا وڑات کے خاتے، ماحولیاتی ام اور اسکل ڈیولپمنٹ کے کوسراپ۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ماکوسر بڑوصاف بنانا، پانی کے سائنسی انداز میں ویٹ یہ اقدامات اس بات کا ثبوت تی اور۔ راج ناتھ سنگھ۔

Himalayan States Pioneer Decentralized, Tech-Driven Waste Management under Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0

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As the first light of the day touches the Himalayan ranges, life begins quietly across the majestic mountains. In hill towns, sanitation workers navigate narrow pathways to collect household waste. On school campuses, students segregate waste as part of routine practice, while at pilgrimage sites, visitors use designated collection points. These everyday actions reflect a growing emphasis on organised waste management in the Himalayan region, which is further shaped by high-alti-



tude settlements, difficult terrain, climatic variability, and limited land availability. Seasonal tourism and pilgrimage activities add to these operational demands, requiring locally adapted and decentralised solutions. Recognising these conditions, governments at all levels have strengthened waste management efforts under

Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0, with a focus on source segregation, scientific waste management, and remediation of legacy dumpsites and active citizen and institutional participation. Kedarnath, a prominent pilgrimage destination in Uttarakhand, witnesses a seasonal influx of thousands of devotees, requiring struc-

tured arrangements for plastic waste management. To address the concern, the state government introduced a Digital Deposit Refund System (DRS) in May 2022 in collaboration with Recykal. Under the system, plastic bottles and Multilayered Plastic (MLPs) items are issued with Unique Serialised Identification (USI) QR codes,

against which a refundable deposit of ₹10 is collected. Pilgrims can return used items at designated points or at two Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs) installed at Gaurikund and the Kedarnath temple. The deposit amount is refunded digitally through UPI. Collected plastic waste is channelled to Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) for processing and recycling. The initiative promotes responsible disposal practices and supports organised plastic waste management during the pilgrimage season. In Jammu & Kashmir, conversations around cleanliness and sustainability are increasingly becoming part of everyday institutional life.

Where Waste Finds New Theory: Northeast India Transformed into an Example

যেখানে বর্জ্য পায় নতুন তত্ত্ব : উত্তর-পূর্ব ভারত রূপান্তরিত হল দৃষ্টান্তে

সম্মেলন, রাঁচি

উত্তরপূর্ব ভারতের পাহাড়-উপত্যকার গভীরে যেখানে নদী নিজেদের গাছ নিজেই লেখে আর বনভূমি বহন করে হ্রদ নীরবে এক পরিবর্তনের ডেউ উঠছে। ব্যস্ত শহর থেকে শুরু করে প্রত্যন্ত গ্রাম - সমস্ত অঞ্চলে মানুষ বর্জ্য ব্যবস্থাপনার গাছ নতুন করে লিখছে অসাধারণ দুচতায়। যা একসময় ছিল কঠিন সমস্যা, আজ তা হয়ে উঠছে উদ্ভাবনের ক্যানভাস। রূপান্তরিত গ্রাস্টিক, জীবিকা-সৃষ্টিকারী কম্পাউন্ট আবার, পুনর্ব্যবহার মেট্রিক থেকে তোলা নাগরিক যোজী, আর পরিচ্ছন্ন শহরের সংজ্ঞা নতুন করে নির্ধারণ করা পুরস্কার।

● উত্তরপূর্ব মুখে পরিবর্তনের গল্প

অসমের ছবিং নগর-রূপান্তরের পথপ্রদর্শক উত্তর লক্ষীমপুর জেলা ভারত মিশন - নগর ২.০-এর আওতায় বৈজ্ঞানিক বর্জ্য ব্যবস্থাপনার এক উজ্জ্বল দৃষ্টান্ত হয়ে উঠেছে অসমের উত্তর লক্ষীমপুর। চম্ভারী ডাম্পসাইট থেকে ৭৯,০০০ মেট্রিক টন পুরোনো বর্জ্য অপসারণ করে উত্তর লক্ষীমপুর শৌর বোর্ড মুক্ত করেছে ১৬ বিঘা জমি। আরও ১০ বিঘা জমিকে নগর বন ও নগর বিশ্রামাঞ্চলে রূপান্তরের



উদ্যোগ নেওয়া হয়েছে। সালগ্রা সুমসিরি নদীর পুনরুদ্ধারবনে ফিরে এসেছে পানি, মাছ ও জলজ প্রাণ - পুনঃস্থাপিত হয়েছে স্থানীয় জীববৈচিত্র্য। পুরোনো বর্জ্য অপসারণ, সমন্বিত প্রতিকারকণ পরিকাঠামো এবং পরিবেশগত পুনরুদ্ধারের সমন্বয়ে 'গ্রাছ লক্ষীমপুর' আজ অসমে মুছায়ী নগর উন্নয়নের মানদণ্ড।

● সমন্বিত বাস্তু, পরিচ্ছন্ন রাজ্য নিয়ন্ত্রণ থেকে পথ

আইডলে পরিচ্ছন্নতা অভিযানে মুক্ত হয়েছে সুজনশীল, জনভিত্তিক উদ্যোগ 'আড-স্ট-এ-ডাস্টবিন' প্রকল্প। ৫ জুন ২০২৪, বিশ্ব পরিবেশ দিবসে শুরু হওয়া এই উদ্যোগ শহরের পৌর কর্তৃক বর্জ্য ব্যবস্থাপনার সামগ্রিক পরিকল্পনার গুরুত্বপূর্ণ অঙ্গ। বারশাটী সহজ, কিন্তু প্রভাবশালী - নাগরিক,

লোকানন্দার, প্রতিষ্ঠান, প্রেক্ষাসেমী সংগঠন, দুবগোষ্ঠী ও সামাজিক সংগঠন শহরভূমিতে স্থাপিত পারসিক ডাস্টবিন 'নতুন' নিয়ে সেগুলি ও চারপাশ পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখার দায়িত্ব নেন, শৌর কবীরা বর্জ্য সংগ্রহ করা পর্যন্ত। সাতা মিলেছে উল্লেখযোগ্যভাবে - বাজার, ভুটপাত থেকে আবাসিক ও প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক এলাকায় ৭৫-টি স্থানে ৯৫-টি ডাস্টবিন বসে গেছে।

● অংশীদার প্রদর্শন সন্তোষ-নেতৃত্বাধীন বর্জ্য ব্যবস্থাপনার পরিবর্তন

অংশীদার প্রদর্শনের কোয়ার মিনা উপত্যকার রোয়িং ক্রমবর্ধমান বর্জ্য সংকট রূপ নিয়েছে সম্প্রদায়-নেতৃত্বাধীন সারসো। ২০২২ সালে রোয়িং শৌর পরিষদ স্থানীয় স্থানীয় রোয়িং 'গ্লিন রোয়িং'-এর সঙ্গে

অংশীদারিত্বে একটি জন-বাড়ি অংশীদারিত্ব-ভিত্তিক কঠিন বর্জ্য ব্যবস্থাপনা মডেল চালু করে যার উদ্দেশ্য ছিল জনস্বাস্থ্য সুরক্ষা ও ভূদূষণ রক্ষা। বারো সদস্যের একটি হল নিয়ে গৃহস্থালি বর্জ্য সংগ্রহ শুরু হয় গ্রাস্টিক-বহুল ডাম্পিং স্থানগুলি ঘিরে ফেলা হয় যাতে আর বর্জ্য ফেলা না যায়। পখনটিক, সচেতনতা অভিযান ও শিক্ষা কর্মসূচির মাধ্যমে মানুষকে বর্জ্য পৃথকীকরণ ও দায়িত্বশীল নিষ্পত্তিতে মুক্ত করা হয়। উদ্যোগটি দ্রুত বিস্তৃত হয়, বেসরকারিভাবে পরিচালিত একটি উপালান পুনরুদ্ধার কেন্দ্রে মাসে প্রায় তিন টন বর্জ্য প্রক্রিয়াজাত হতে থাকে। বাড়ি, বাজি ও নর্মমা থেকে সংগৃহীত পুনর্ব্যবহারযোগ্য সামগ্রী বিক্রি করে নির্ভর গোষ্ঠীর সদস্যরা আয় করেন ও ব্যবস্থাপিত হয়ে ওঠে স্থানীয় রোয়িং-এর বদলের প্রতীক এঙ্গে পাকে নির্মিত 'এঙ্গে টু ওয়াটার' প্রজাপট উদ্যান, যেখানে ১০,০০০ গ্রাস্টিক বোতল-সহ পুনর্ব্যবহৃত উপকরণ ব্যবহার করা হয়েছে।

● অগরব্য উল্লেখ্য বর্জ্য ঠেলায় রিপূর

রিপূর নগর স্থানীয় সংস্থাগুলি জলাশয় রক্ষার নিয়মে প্রজাপট ও বৃদ্ধ উদ্যোগ জলাশয়ে পড়ে

পড়া সব নর্মমায় ভারজাল বসানো হয়েছে এবং মানুষাল পরিষ্কার ব্যবহার মাধ্যমে জলজ ব্যাক্তত্বের ঢোলকরা আশেই বর্জ্য অটকসনে হচ্ছে। পরিকাঠামোর সঙ্গে সমাপ্তরালে চলছে ব্যাপক জনসংযোগ - ওয়ার্ড-ভিত্তিক প্রচার, সম্প্রদায়িক বৈঠক ও লক্ষ্যভিত্তিক অভিযানে দায়িত্বশীল বর্জ্য নিষ্পত্তি, প্রতিমা বিসর্জনের নিয়ম ও জলদূষণের ঝুঁকিমোড়ি প্রচার নিয়ে সচেতনতা বাড়ানো হয়েছে। জলাশয়ে স্যাসরি বর্জ্য ফেলা ক্রমশে ধারাবাহিক পরিষ্কার অভিযান ও বাড়ি-বাড়ি সচেতনতা কর্মসূচি নেওয়া হয়েছে। নাগরিকদের সক্রিয় অংশগ্রহণে এই সুস্থায়ী প্রকল্পী দুখন উল্লেখযোগ্যভাবে কমিয়েছে ও প্রমাণ করেছে, শৌর বাসস্থা ও নাগরিক অংশগ্রহণ একত্রে থাকলে নগর জল-বাহ্যতত্ত্ব সুবিস্তৃত বাসা সন্তোষ।

● ঐক্য থেকে রূপান্তর: দাব্যদাতার নির্ধন হবিল উৎসব

নাথাল্যান্ডের ২৬-তম হবিল উৎসব বৃহৎ উৎসব আয়োজনের নিয়মকে নতুন রূপ দিয়েছে - শূনা-বর্জ্য, শূনা-গ্রাস্টিকের জাতীয় মডেল হিসেবে। একবার ব্যবহারযোগ্য গ্রাস্টিক, স্ট্র, গ্রেট, কাগ ও বাগ, সম্পূর্ণ

নিষিদ্ধ করে তার জায়গায় কলপাতা গ্রেট, ও বাঁশের স্ট্র ব্যবহার করা হয়েছে। এর ফলে, এক মিলিয়নেরও বেশি গ্রাস্টিক সামগ্রী ব্যবহার এড়ানো গেছে এবং প্রায় ৫০ মেট্রিক টন কার্বন ডাই অক্সাইড নিঃসরণ কমানো সম্ভব হয়েছে।

● দ্বিতীয়ার পরিবর্তনের পথ

উত্তরপূর্ব ভারতের এই সারসো একটি দ্বিতীয়ারী সজ্ঞাকে প্রতিষ্ঠা করে - সুস্থায়ী বর্জ্য ব্যবস্থাপনা শুধু পরিকাঠামো দিয়ে গড়ে ওঠে না তার ভিত্তি আছে, অংশগ্রহণ ও ধারাবাহিকতা। কোথাও উচ্চার হয়েছে জমি ও জলাশয়, কোথাও সম্প্রদায় নিয়েছে রক্ষা ও নর্মমার দায়িত্ব, কোথাও উৎসব হয়েছে শূনা-বর্জ্য আবার ছোট শহরগুলি বর্জ্যকে রূপান্তর করেছে জীবিকা ও জনগণের পথে। একত্রে এই উদ্যোগগুলো একক সামলোর গতি ছাড়িয়ে এমন একটি মডেল তৈরি করেছে, যা অন্য শহরগুলিও অনুসরণ করতে পারে। শান্তির বদলে সহযোগিতা, ব্যবহার্যকতার বদলে অংশীদারিত্ব - এই পথেই উত্তরপূর্ব ভারত সেথিয়ে দিতে যে পরিষ্কার-পরিচ্ছন্নতা কেবল একবারের ফলাফল নয়, বরং একটি যৌথ ক্যানভাস, যাতে গড়া এবং সম্মিলিতভাবে ধরে রাখা।

State, experts and stakeholders at the same platform in the initial workshop to make the Himalayan cities cleaner and stronger



नयाँ दिङ्ग्री, १६ दिसम्बर २०२५। हिमाली शहरहरूमा दृश्यमान सार्थक वन्यीय स्वच्छता हासिल गर्न केन्द्रित, रणनीतिक साथै परिणाममुखी मार्गचित्र विकास गर्न सबै हितधारकलाई एक साथ ल्याउँदै १६ दिसम्बरको दिन नयाँ दिङ्ग्रीको विज्ञान भवनमा आवास तथा शहरी कार्य मन्त्रालयद्वारा स्वच्छ हिमाली शहर पहलका लागि प्रारम्भिक कार्यगोष्ठी आयोजित गरियो।

स्वच्छ हिमाली शहर पहलले पाहाडी शहरहरूमा दृश्यमान स्वच्छता हासिल गर्न विस्तृत तथा लक्षित दृष्टिकोणलाई आकार दिन ठोस कदम प्रतिनिधित्व गर्दछ। संसर्चित विचार तथा सामूहिक मिमांसाद्वारा १३ वटा हिमाली शहरहरूमा प्रभावी आवश्यकता अनुसारको समाधान पोषित गरिनेछ। स्वच्छ भारत मिशन-फोहोरमुक्त शहरका लागि शहरी परिकल्पनालाई पुनः पुष्टि गर्दै आवास तथा शहरी कार्य मन्त्रालयले ८ र ९ नोभेम्बर २०२५ को दिन आयोजित राष्ट्रिय शहरी सङ्गोष्ठीमा स्वच्छ हिमाली तथा पाहाडी शहरहरूको घोषणा गरेको थियो। आवास तथा शहरी कार्य मन्त्रालयका सचिव एस. कर्तिकथलाको अध्यक्षतामा सम्पन्न यस पहलले शहरी विशेषज्ञ, प्राविधिक अधिकरण, निजी साझेदार, प्राविधिक समाधान प्रदाता अनि १३ वटा पूर्वोत्तर साथै हामाली शहरका वरिष्ठ प्रतिनिधिहरूलाई एक साथ ल्याएको थियो। यसका अतिरिक्त, पहलमा पश्चिम बङ्गालको दार्जीलिङ, खरसाङ, कालेबुङ, भिरेक अनि सिलगढी क्षेत्रलाई पनि सामेल गरिएको छ।

स्वच्छ भारत मिशन - शहरी, अन्तर्गत हिमाली शहरहरूले उपयुक्त प्राविधिक सहयोगका साथै प्रबल सामुदायिक सहभागिताका

साथ अनुकरणीय साथै परिमाणयोग्यका समाधान प्रदान गर्ने कैयौं प्रभावपूर्ण धरातलस्तरीय पहल अनि सर्वोत्तम प्रचलन प्रदर्शित गरेका छन्। यिनै सफलताका आधारमा तथा त्यस्ता प्रयासलाई अझ गति प्रदान गरी व्यापकता प्रदान गर्ने, यस पहलले सहकार्यलाई सुदृढ बनाउनका साथै ज्ञानको आदान-प्रदान का साथमा स्वच्छ अनि प्रत्यास्थी पाहाडी शहरहरूका लागि दीर्घगामी मार्ग प्रशस्त गर्नेछ।

प्रारम्भिक कार्यगोष्ठी सबै तह-तहका मानिसहरूसँग व्यापक परामर्शका साथ रणनीति तर्जुमा गर्न केन्द्रित रहेको थियो। प्रतिभागीहरूमा राज्यका प्रतिनिधि, साझेदार सङ्गठन, समाधान प्रदाता लगायत शिक्षाविद् अनि आईआईटी रुडकी, जीबी पन्त विश्वविद्यालय, सीईडीएआर जस्ता अनुसन्धान संस्थान, नागरिक समाज अनि सुलभ इन्टरनेशनल, वेस्ट वारियर्स, हिलिङ हिमालय जस्ता सामुदायिक सङ्गठन, स्वाहा रिसोर्स म्यानेजमेन्ट प्रा. लि, रोयल एन्फिल्ड सोसल मिशन जस्ता निजी अनि सामाजिक साझेदार तथा जीआईजेड, विश्व व्याङ्क, एशियाली विकास ब्याङ्क, युएनआइडीओ, एएफडी, केएफडब्लु, युरोपीय सङ्घ, स्वीडिशलाण्ड राजदूतावास तथा गेट्स फाउण्डेशन जस्ता वैश्विक बहुराष्ट्रिय अधिकरणका प्रतिनिधि सामेल रहेको थियो भने हिमाली शहरहरूलाई स्वच्छ राख्ने दिशामा समाजका अग्रजहरूले परिवर्तनका बाजा बजाउन प्रस्तुत गरेका थिए। मिल्ने, यी हितधारकहरूले समग्र समाजको दृष्टिकोण प्रतिबिम्बित गर्दछन् - नीतिगत नेतृत्व, प्राविधिक विशेषज्ञता, नवाचार, वित्तपोषण अनि सामुदायिक सहभागिताका मिश्रणद्वारा स्वच्छ अनि अरु बढी

प्रत्यास्थी हिमाली शहरहरूका लागि सहयोगात्मक, परिमाणयोग्य तथा सन्दर्भ विशेष समाधान समर्थ बनाउँदछन्।

प्रारूपको फेड: जम्मू-कश्मीर, लद्दाख, हिमाचल प्रदेश, उत्तराखण्ड, सिक्किम, आसम, अरुणाचल प्रदेश, मेघालय, मणिपुर, मिजोरम, नागाल्याण्ड, त्रिपुरा अनि पश्चिम बङ्गालका केही चयनित शहरहरू लगायतका भारतीय पार्वत्य क्षेत्र अनि हिमाली राज्यहरूले कमजोर परितन्त्र, भिरालो साथै अस्थिर भौगोलिकता, छप्रष्ट बस्ती अनि चरम जलवायु स्थितिका कारण विशेष चुनौतीको सामना गर्नुपर्दछ। स्वच्छ भारत मिशन - शहरी अन्तर्गत केही उल्लेखनीय प्रगति हासिल गरिएको भए तापनि, संरचनागत अनि भौगोलिक अडचनले वन्यीय साथै प्रत्यास्थी ठोस फोहोर अनि स्वच्छता सम्बन्धी परिणाम हासिल गर्न निरन्तर बाधा पुऱ्याइरहेको पाइन्छ।

विभिन्न ज्ञानवर्धक मधिज्ञान-मन्थन सत्रमा यी कुराहरू उजागर गरिए : प्रमाणित, व्यावहारिक, सम्भव - समुदाय आधारित फोहोर प्रबन्धन, विकेन्द्रित स्वच्छता प्रणाली तथा संसाधन बहाली पहलमा अनुकरणनीय नमूना तथा नवाचार प्रस्तुत गर्दै हिमाली शहरहरूका लागि कुन चुफिले काम गर्दछ। परिवर्तनका वाहक : हिमाली शहरहरूका सामुदायिक नेतृत्वहरूलाई प्रेरित गरियो, जसले फोहोर प्रबन्धन अनि स्वच्छतामा परिवर्तनकारी बाजाको अनुभव साझा गरे - पार्वत्य क्षेत्रहरूलाई सञ्चालन रणनीति, यट-मन्दिर अनि धार्मिक स्थलहरूलाई प्लास्टिकमुक्त बनाउने प्रयास आदिबारे उनीहरूले प्रकाश पारे। पाहाडी शहरहरूका लागि प्रविधि : यस सत्रमा एक्जिक्ट फोहोर प्रबन्धन लगायत जोडित मल-मूत्रको लेटो हटाउने, स्थानीय

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अलिपुराद्वार, १६ दिसम्बर (हि. स.)। नववर्षको स्वागत उत्सवपूर्व पर्यटकहरूको लागि खुशिको खबर आएको छ। यसले बससा क्षेत्रका पर्यटन व्यवसायीहरूमा पनि खुशी व्याप्त भएको छ। बाक्सा टाइगर रिजर्वको जंगल सफारी सेवामा तीन वटा नयाँ वाहनहरूलाई जोडिंदैछ। यी तीन वटा वाहन राजाभातखोवामा तेनाथ रहनेछ भने २५ दिसम्बरसम्मको सेवा शुरु हुनेछ।

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इलाकातिर स्थलगत रूपमा स्वच्छता विवरण तथा पाहाडी भेकमा मिला पानीका लागि विकेन्द्रित समाधान प्रस्तावित गर्ने परामर्शसहित पाहाडी इलाकाका लागि प्रविधि आधारित समाधानमार्फत ध्यान केन्द्रित गरिएको थियो। समाधानबीच तालमेल: स्वच्छ पाहाडी शहरहरूका लागि सहकार्य: यस सत्रमा साझेदारहरूबीचको साझेदारीले कसरी पाहाडी भेकको विशिष्ट चुनौती अनुरूप ढालिएको प्रभावी अनि बहनीय फोहोर प्रबन्धन समाधानलाई गति प्रदान गर्नसकिन्छ भन्ने प्रकाश पारियो। वैश्विक चलनबाट ज्ञान: यस सत्रमा, हिमाली परिप्रेक्ष्यमा अनुकरण गर्नमिल्ने समुदाय आधारित फोहोर प्रबन्धन, विकेन्द्रित स्वच्छता एवं संसाधन बहालीका अनुकरणीय वैश्विक नमूना अनि नवाचार प्रदर्शित गरियो।

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स्वच्छ हिमालय पर्वतीय शहरों की पहल पर एक प्रारंभिक कार्यशाला का आयोजन 16 दिसंबर, 2025 को नई दिल्ली के विज्ञान भवन में आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्रालय (एमओएचयूए) द्वारा किया गया। इसमें हिमालयी पर्वतीय शहरों में दृश्यमान और स्थायी स्वच्छता प्राप्त करने के लिए एक केंद्रित, रणनीतिक और परिणाम-उन्मुख रूपरेखा (रोडमैप) विकसित करने के लिए प्रमुख हितधारकों को एक साथ लाया गया। स्वच्छ हिमालयी पर्वतीय शहर पहल, पर्वतीय शहरों में दृश्य स्वच्छता प्राप्त करने के लिए एक व्यापक और लक्षित दृष्टिकोण को आकार देने की दिशा में एक ठोस कदम है। 13 हिमालयी पर्वतीय शहरों के बीच संरचित विचार-विमर्श और सामूहिक चिंतन को बढ़ावा देकर, प्रभावी और अनुकूलित समाधान विकसित किए जा रहे हैं। स्वच्छ भारत मिशन-शहरी परिकल्पना के अंतर्गत कचरा मुक्त शहरों की परिकल्पना को पुनः पुष्ट करते हुए, आवासन एवं शहरी कार्य मंत्रालय ने 8 और 9 नवंबर, 2025 को आयोजित राष्ट्रीय शहरी सम्मेलन-2025 में स्वच्छ हिमालयी और पर्वतीय शहरों की घोषणा की। आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्रालय (एमओएचयूए) के सचिव श्री एस. कटिकथला की अध्यक्षता में शुरू की गई इस पहल में पूर्वोत्तर और हिमालयी पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों के 13 शहरों के शहरी विशेषज्ञ, तकनीकी एजेंसियां, निजी भागीदार, प्रौद्योगिकी समाधान प्रदाता और वरिष्ठ प्रतिनिधि शामिल हुए हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त, पश्चिम बंगाल के प्रमुख पर्वतीय और तलहटी शहर - दार्जिलिंग, कुर्सियोग, कलिम्पोंग, मिरिक और सिलीगुड़ी - भी इस पहल में शामिल हैं। स्वच्छ भारत मिशन-शहरी के अंतर्गत, हिमालयी पर्वतीय शहरों ने कई प्रभावशाली जमीनी पहल और सर्वोत्तम



प्रणालियों का प्रदर्शन किया है जो मजबूत सामुदायिक भागीदारी और उपयुक्त प्रौद्योगिकियों के समर्थन से अनुकरणीय और विस्तार योग्य समाधान प्रदान करते हैं। इन सफलताओं को आगे बढ़ाते हुए और ऐसे प्रयासों को और अधिक गति देने और व्यापक बनाने के उद्देश्य से, यह पहल सहयोग को मजबूत करेगी, ज्ञान साझा करेगी और स्वच्छ एवं लचीले पर्वतीय शहरों के लिए एक स्थायी मार्ग प्रशस्त करेगी। प्रारंभिक कार्यशाला में जीवन के सभी क्षेत्रों से जुड़े लोगों के साथ विचार-विमर्श करके एक रणनीति विकसित करने पर ध्यान केंद्रित किया गया है। प्रतिभागियों में राज्य प्रतिनिधि, सहयोगी संगठन, समाधान प्रदाता, जिनमें आईआईटी रुड़की, जीवी पंत विश्वविद्यालय, सीईडीएआर जैसे शैक्षणिक और अनुसंधान संस्थान शामिल हैं; सुलभ इंटरनेशनल, वेस्ट वॉरियर्स, हीलिंग हिमालय जैसे नागरिक समाज और सामुदायिक संगठन; स्वाहा रिसोर्स मैनेजमेंट प्राइवेट लिमिटेड, रॉयल एनफील्ड सोशल मिशन जैसे निजी और सामाजिक क्षेत्र के भागीदार; जीआईजैड, विश्व बैंक, एशियाई विकास बैंक, यूएनआईडीओ, एएफडी,

केएफडब्ल्यू, यूरोपीय संघ, स्विटजरलैंड दूतावास और गेट्स फाउंडेशन जैसी विकास और वैश्विक बहुपक्षीय एजेंसियां; हिमालयी पर्वतीय शहरों को स्वच्छ रखने में अपनी यात्रा का प्रदर्शन करने वाले परिवर्तन के प्रेरक सामुदायिक नेता; टॉप ऑफ फॉर्म और प्रभाव पैदा करने वाले कई अन्य भागीदार शामिल हैं। ये सभी हितधारक मिलकर एक समग्र सामाजिक दृष्टिकोण को दर्शाते हैं—जिसमें नीतिगत नेतृत्व, तकनीकी विशेषज्ञता, नवाचार, वित्तपोषण और सामुदायिक भागीदारी का मिश्रण होता है—ताकि स्वच्छ और अधिक लचीले हिमालयी पर्वतीय शहरों के लिए सहयोगात्मक, विस्तार योग्य और संदर्भ-विशिष्ट समाधान सक्षम हो सकें। भारत के पर्वतीय और हिमालयी राज्य—जिनमें जम्मू-कश्मीर, लद्दाख, हिमाचल प्रदेश, उत्तराखंड, सिक्किम, असम, अरुणाचल प्रदेश, मेघालय, मणिपुर, मिजोरम, नागालैंड, त्रिपुरा और पश्चिम बंगाल के कुछ शहर शामिल हैं—कमजोर इको-सिस्टम, खड़ी और अस्थिर भूभाग, बिखरी हुई बस्तियां और चरम जलवायु परिस्थितियों के कारण विशिष्ट शहरी चुनौतियों का सामना करते हैं। स्वच्छ भारत मिशन-शहरी के अंतर्गत

उल्लेखनीय प्रगति हासिल की गई है, फिर भी संरचनात्मक और भौगोलिक बाधाएं सतत और लचीले टोस अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन और स्वच्छता परिणामों में रुकावट डालती रहती हैं। विभिन्न जानकारीपूर्ण विचार-मंथन सत्रों में निम्नलिखित बातों पर प्रकाश डाला गया सिद्ध, व्यावहारिक, संभव हिमालयी शहरों के लिए कारगर उपाय-सामुदायिक नेतृत्व वाले अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन, विकेंद्रीकृत स्वच्छता प्रणालियों और संसाधन पुनर्प्राप्ति पहलों में प्रतिरूपणीय मॉडल और नवाचारों का प्रदर्शन। परिवर्तन के प्रेरक हिमालयी पर्वतीय शहरों के प्रेरक सामुदायिक नेता और संसाधन पुनर्प्राप्ति पहलों में प्रतिरूपणीय मॉडल और नवाचारों का प्रदर्शन। परिवर्तन के प्रेरक हिमालयी पर्वतीय शहरों के प्रेरक सामुदायिक नेता जिन्होंने स्वच्छता और अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन में परिवर्तन लाने की अपनी यात्रा साझा की जिसमें पर्वतीय सफाई रणनीतियों, मंदिरों और धार्मिक स्थलों को प्लास्टिक मुक्त बनाने आदि जैसे प्रयासों पर प्रकाश डाला गया। पर्वतीय शहरों के लिए प्रौद्योगिकी-यह सत्र पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों के लिए प्रौद्योगिकी-आधारित समाधानों पर केंद्रित है, जिसमें एकिकृत अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन के साथ-साथ उपचारित सीवेज स्लज के निपटान को बढ़ावा देने, ठंडे क्षेत्रों के लिए ऑनसाइट स्वच्छता विकल्पों और पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों में प्रयुक्त जल प्रबंधन के लिए विकेंद्रीकृत समाधानों पर प्रमुख सलाह शामिल है। समाधानों का समन्वय स्वच्छ पर्वतीय शहरों के लिए सहयोग यह सत्र इस बात पर प्रकाश डालता है कि सरकार, नागरिक समाज, निजी क्षेत्र के लोग और विकास भागीदारों के बीच साझेदारी और अंतर-क्षेत्रीय सहयोग किस प्रकार अनुरूप प्रभावी और सतत अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन समाधानों को गति प्रदान कर सकते हैं। वैश्विक प्रणालियों से प्राप्त अंतर्दृष्टि-यह सत्र सामुदायिक नेतृत्व वाले अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन, विकेंद्रीकृत स्वच्छता और संसाधन पुनर्प्राप्ति में प्रतिरूपणीय वैश्विक

मॉडल और नवाचारों को प्रदर्शित करता है, जो हिमालयी संदर्भ के अनुकूल हैं। राज्यों/शहरों के साथ रूपरेखा पर विचार-विमर्श राज्यों/शहरों के लिए एक इंटरैक्टिव सत्र जिसमें भौगोलिक चुनौतियों, समाधानों और प्रमुख स्थलों को संबोधित करते हुए रूपरेखा तैयार किए जाएंगे ताकि दृष्टिगत रूप से स्वच्छ पर्वतीय शहरों की दिशा में प्रयासों को गति दी जा सके। इस कार्यशाला में हिमालयी और पर्वतीय शहरों में स्वच्छता और अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन को सुदृढ़ करने के उद्देश्य से कई महत्वपूर्ण ज्ञानवर्धक उत्पादों का शुभारंभ किया गया। इनमें पहाड़ों में बदलाव पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों में अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन का रूपांतरण शामिल है, जो पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों की सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रणालियों का संकलन है। इसके अलावा, शीतकालीन क्षेत्रों के लिए स्थलीय स्वच्छता पर सलाह और उपचारित सीवेज कीचड़ के उपयोग को बढ़ावा देने पर सलाह भी शामिल है, जो जलवायु-अनुकूल और टिकाऊ शहरी समाधानों का समर्थन करने के लिए व्यावहारिक मार्गदर्शन प्रदान करती है। स्वच्छ हिमालयी और पर्वतीय शहर पहल राज्यों/केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों और उनके साझेदारों को अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन और स्वच्छता से संबंधित विशिष्ट चुनौतियों और समाधानों की पहचान करने में सक्षम बनाएगी, विशेष रूप से उन क्षेत्रों में जहां तीर्थयात्रा मार्गों, मौसमी पर्यटन स्थलों आदि के कारण भारी भीड़भाड़ रहती है। कार्यशाला के बाद, प्रतिभागी राज्य/केंद्र शासित प्रदेश प्राथमिकता वाले क्षेत्रों की पहचान करने, आवश्यकताओं का मूल्यांकन करने और मंत्रालय को प्रस्तुत करने के लिए व्यापक योजनाएं तैयार करने हेतु विस्तृत आकलन करेंगे। इन उपायों को वर्ष 2026 की शुरुआत में लागू करने का प्रस्ताव है, जिसका उद्देश्य हिमालयी पर्वतीय शहरों में टोस सुधार और प्रत्यक्ष परिवर्तन लाना है।

MoHUA Holds Preparatory Workshop to Roll Out Clean Himalayan and Hill Cities Initiative

NEW DELHI, DEC 16 (PIB):

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) organised a preparatory workshop on the Clean Himalayan Hill Cities Initiative at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, to develop a focused, strategic and outcome-oriented roadmap for achieving visible and sustainable cleanliness across Himalayan and hill cities. The workshop brought together senior representatives from participating States and cities, urban experts, technical agencies, private partners and technology solution providers to shape a comprehensive and targeted approach aligned with the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban vision of Garbage Free Cities.

The Clean Himalayan and Hill Cities Initiative was announced by MoHUA at the National Urban Conclave 2025 held on 8-9 November 2025. Presided over by MoHUA Secretary S. Katikithala, the initiative brings together 13 North-Eastern and Himalayan hill cities and also includes key hill and foothill cities of West Bengal-Darjeeling, Kurseong, Kalimpong, Mirik and Siliguri. It seeks to build on the progress made under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, where several hill cities have already demonstrated impactful, community-driven initiatives supported by appropriate technologies, and



to accelerate these efforts through stronger collaboration, knowledge-sharing and context-specific solutions.

Discussions during the workshop recognised that India's Hill and Himalayan States-Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, along with select cities in West Bengal-face distinct urban sanitation and solid waste management challenges due to fragile ecosystems, steep and unstable terrain, dispersed settlements and extreme climatic conditions. While notable gains have been achieved, structural and geographic constraints continue to hinder sustained and resilient outcomes, particularly in high-footfall areas influenced by pilgrimage routes and seasonal tourism.

Through a series of interactive sessions, participants examined what

has worked on the ground and what can be replicated at scale, including models of community-led waste management, decentralised sanitation and resource recovery. Community leaders from hill cities shared experiences of driving behavioural change and practical interventions such as mountain clean-up strategies and initiatives to make shrines and religious places plastic-free. The workshop also focused on technology solutions suited to hilly and cold regions, covering integrated waste management, onsite sanitation options for colder climates, decentralised used-water management, and measures to promote the offtake of treated sewage sludge. Emphasis was placed on building effective partnerships across government, civil society, private sector and development partners, alongside insights from global practices that can be adapted

to the Himalayan context. States and cities engaged in roadmap ideation to identify geographic constraints, priority sites and implementable actions that can deliver visible improvements.

The workshop also witnessed the launch of key knowledge products to support States and cities in designing climate-responsive and sustainable interventions. These include "Mountains of Change: Transforming Waste Management in Hilly Areas", a compendium of best practices from hilly regions, an "Advisory on Onsite Sanitation for Colder Regions", and an "Advisory on Promoting Offtake of Treated Sewage Sludge".

MoHUA stated that the initiative will enable States/UTs and partners to identify specific challenges and solutions in waste management and sanitation, with particular attention to locations of high footfall. Following the workshop, participating States/UTs will undertake detailed assessments to identify priority focus areas, evaluate requirements and prepare comprehensive plans for submission to the Ministry. Interventions under the initiative are proposed to be rolled out in early 2026, with the objective of delivering tangible improvements and visible cleanliness outcomes in Himalayan and hill cities.

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'Meghalaya's initiative combines enforcement with awareness'

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The Green Deposit Scheme is part of Meghalaya's broader waste management reforms, which include community-led sanitation models, improved waste segregation, and stricter enforcement of plastic regulations. It also aligns with Meghalaya HC's directions on enforcing bans on single-use plastics, particularly items below 120 microns.

Officials said the initiative combines enforcement with awareness, with local communities and tourism stakeholders playing a key role in implementation — ensuring environmental protection while supporting responsible tourism growth.

The scheme also complements the Clean Hills City initiatives under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) 2.0, supported by the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs in collaboration with state govts.

Meghalaya's eco drive at tourist spots: Pay ₹100 for plastic; get refund on return

Manosh Das | TNN

Shillong: People visiting popular eco-tourism spots in Meghalaya will now need to pay a refundable fee of Rs 100 when they check in if they are carrying plastic items like bottles or wrappers. The deposit amount will be returned when tourists check out, after disposing of or returning the plastic waste at designated exit points.

The initiative – launched by the Meghalaya govt called “Green Deposit” scheme – aims to keep these natural sites clean and promote responsible, plastic-free tourism.

Meghalaya has launched



PLASTIC-FREE TOURISM PUSH

the scheme to curb plastic pollution in high-footfall eco-tourism destinations, reinforcing the state's push for sustainable tourism and stronger waste management.

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punjee), Dawki, and the living root bridge areas, which have witnessed a sharp rise in tourism and plastic litter affecting forests, rivers, and fragile ecosystems.

“Under the initiative, tourists carrying plastic items such as bottles or wrappers into notified zones must pay a refundable deposit of Rs 100. The amount is returned upon responsible disposal or return of plastic waste at designated exit points. The move is aimed at discouraging littering and promoting a ‘leave no trace’ culture among visitors,” an official statement said.

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Women-led waste mgmt in Meghalaya sets nat'l standard

Manosh Das | TNN

Shillong: Women of Meghalaya are leading in waste management and are setting the standards in delivering tangible change in the overall waste segregation in the country.

One such inspiration is Lainehskhem Self-Help Group (SHG), popularly called the 'Merry Maidens of Shillong', which has evolved into an organisation that efficiently runs a waste recovery centre.

'Merry Maidens' first began as a group of women waste pickers at the Marten landfill in the city outskirts. The group now produces certified compost using traditional and indigenous techniques, turning organic waste into valuable resources.

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TURNING TRASH INTO TREASURE

irs department. Through capacity-building and institutional backing, the women have transformed a challenging and often stigmatised occupation into a structured, dignified and sustainable livelihood," an official statement said. "Their work is reducing landfill load, improving soil health, and promoting responsible waste segregation in surrounding communities," it said.

"Beyond environmental benefits, the group has strengthened the local green economy, demonstrating the socio-economic potential of community-driven solutions," the statement said.



Meghalaya Launches Green Deposit Scheme

Sdang ka Meghalaya ia ka skhim Green Deposit ban

bha ha ka kam jngohkai pyrthei bad ka jingbret pathar ia ki plastic kiba ktah ia ki khlaw ki btap, ki wah bad ki jingdon jingem jong ka mariang kiba lah ban don ha ka jingma.

Hapoh kane ka sienjam, ki nongjngohkai pyrthei kiba rah ia ki tiar plastic kum ki bilor ne ki jingsong jingbam sha ki jaka ba la ithuh ki dei ban siew ia ka pisa kaba lah ban ioh biang kaba long T.100, kaba la pynphai biang ynda la bret ne pynphai biang ia ki jaboh plastic ha ki jaka ba la buh kyrpang shuwa ban mih na kine ki jaka jngohkai. Kane ka sienjam ka thmu ban tehlakam ia ka jingbret jaboh bad ban kyntiew ia ka kolshor "bym ieh ia kano kano ka dak" hapteng ki nongwan jngohkai.

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jingkhang ia ki plastic ba pyndonkam tang shisien pyndonkam, khamtam ia ki tiar kiba hapoh 120 micron.

Ki heh sorkar ki la ong ba kane ka sienjam ka pyniasoh lang ia ka jingpyntreikam bad ka jingai jinghikai, ha kaba ki nongshong shnong bad kito kiba don bynta ha ka kam jngohkai pyrthei ki don ka bynta kaba kongsan ha kaba pyntreikam, ban pynthikna ia ka jingiada ia ka mariang katba ki kyrshan ia ka jingkieu ka kam jngohkai pyrthei kaba don jingkitkhlieh.

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Meghalaya launches Green Deposit scheme to combat plastic waste in tourist spots

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Women lead the way in community-driven waste management

Merry Maidens of Shillong sets example for others

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SHILLONG, DEC 13: In a remarkable display of community-driven initiative, women in Meghalaya are revolutionizing waste management practices, with the "Merry Maidens of Shillong" self-help group (SHG) emerging as a shining example.

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Their work has far-reaching benefits, including reducing landfill load, improving soil health, and strengthening the lo-

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The government of Meghalaya's efforts to strengthen waste management systems are yielding results, with enhanced segregation, community-led composting programs, and environmental monitoring becoming more prevalent. Women-led initiatives, like the Merry Maidens, are at the forefront of this transformation.

India is witnessing a broader shift in waste management, driven by initiatives under the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs and state governments. With a focus on source segregation, plastic reduction, and community participation, these programs are reshaping the country's approach to solid waste management.

The Merry Maidens of Shillong serve as a powerful model for community-driven solutions, demonstrating that with the right support, women can lead the way towards a more sustainable future.

Green deposit scheme launched to protect tourist hotspots



Staff Reporter

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Women pioneers turn waste into resource

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Women lead way in M'laya waste management

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG, Dec 13: Women in Meghalaya are leading the way in waste management, setting a benchmark by achieving notable success in waste segregation.

The Lainehskhem Self-Help Group (SHG), popularly called 'Merry Maidens of Shillong', has been an inspiration in this regard. It has evolved into an organisation that effectively runs a Waste Recovery Centre.

The Merry Maidens began as a collective of women waste pickers at the Marten landfill. The group now produces certified compost using traditional and indigenous techniques, turning organic waste into a

valuable resource.

The success of the SHG is closely linked to consistent training and technical support from the Urban Affairs Department. Through capacity-building and institutional backing, the women have transformed a challenging and often stigmatised occupation into a structured, dignified and sustainable livelihood.

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The Merry Maidens now serves as a powerful model of how women-led grassroots efforts, when backed by government interventions, can deliver long-term solutions to waste management challenges while advancing inclusive and sustainable development in the state.

In line with the government's push to strengthen waste management systems, Meghalaya is witnessing encouraging progress in several districts.

Enhanced waste segregation, community-led composting programmes, and strengthened environmental monitoring are reshaping local waste management practices. Among the most notable outcomes of this transformation is the rise of women-led initiatives supported by state agencies.



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Meghalaya starts with 'Green'

Sdang ka Meghalaya da ka 'Green'

Housing and Urban Affairs, Sorkar India, ryngkat ka jingiatreilang bad ki sorkar jylla. Ha kylleng ki nongbah ha ki jaka rilum bad ki shnong ha kylleng ka ri, kine ki sienjam ki pynleit jingmut ha ka jingpynbeit ia ki jingeh ba ia dei bad ki jaboh jabaiñ da kaba pyndonkam da ka jingstad science, ka jingpynduna ia ki jaboh plastit, ka jingpyniakhlad naduh tyllong bad ki jingialap ban pynkylla ia ka jinglong ba la shna kyrpang na ka bynta ki jaka ba don ha ka jingma (PIB).



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Merry Maiden in Meghalaya

Ki Merry Maiden na Meghalaya

ha ki shnong ba marjan.

Ha ryngkat ki jingmyntoi ia ka mariang, ka kynhun ka la pynkhlain ia ka ioh ka kot ba khuid ha ka thain, kaba pyni ia ka bor ha ka imlang sahleng ban wanrah ki jingpynbeit na ka shnong ka thaw.

Ki Merry Maiden jong Shillong mynta ki long kum ka nuksa ba khlain bha kumno ki jingpyrshang ba la ialam da ki kynthei ba la kyrshan da ka jylla, ki lah ban ai ia ki lad ki lynti ba iai neh ban pynbeit ia ki jingeh ha kaba ia dei bad ka kam ban pynkylla ki jaboh sha ka sboh ban kyntiew ia ka roi ka par kynthup lang ia baroh bad kaba neh ha ka jylla Meghalaya.

Katkum ka jingpynshlur jong ka Sorkar Meghalaya ban pynkhlain ia ki rukom pynbeit ia kijaboh, ka Jylla ka sakhi ia ka jingkiew kaba ai mynsiem ha kylleng ki katto katne ki distrik. Ka jingkyntiew ia ka jingpyniakhlad ia ki jaboh, ki prokram pynlong sboh ba la ialam da ki paidbah, bad ka jingpynkhlain ia ka jingpeit bniah ia ka mariang ki pynkylla dur thymmai ia ki rukom pynkhuid ia ki jaboh ha ka thain. Napdeng ki jingmih kiba bha tam jong kane ka jingkylla ka long ka jingkiew jong ki sienjam ba la ialam da ki kynthei ba la kyrshan da ki tnad sorkar.

Ka India ka sakhi ia ka jingkylla ha ka rukom pyndonkam ia ki jaboh ba la wanrah da ki sienjam hapoh ka tnad Housing & Urban Affairs, ka sorkar India bad ki sienjam jong ki sorkar jylla bapher bapher. Da kaba pynleit jingmut ha ka jingpyniakhlad naduh ki tyllong, ka jingpynduna ia ki plastik, ka jingpynmih sboh, ka jingiashim bynta jong ki paidbah, kine ki prokram ki pynkylla dur biang ia ka rukom ba ki jaka sor ki pynbeit ia ki jingeh ba ia dei bad ka jingpynkhuid ia ki jaboh bad ki mar jot.



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Meghalaya Starts 'Green Deposit' Scheme to Manage Plastic Waste in Tourist Spots

Sdang ka Meghalaya da ka 'Green Deposit' ban tehlakam ia ki jaboh plastik ha ki jaka jngohkai pyrthei

Shillong, Nohprah 14: Ka jylla Meghalaya ka la sdang ia ka Skhim Green Deposit ban tehlakam ia ka jingpynjaboh da ki plastik ha ki jaka jngohkai pyrthei kiba bun ki brieu na bynta ban pynneh ia ka jingkhuid bad ka jinglada na ki jaboh ka mariang.

Ia kane ka sienjam la sdang ha Cherrapunjee, Dawki bad ki Living Root Bridge, ki jaka kiba la sakhi

ka jingkiew ha ka kam jngohkai pyrthei bad ka jingbret pathar ia ki plastik kiba ktah ia ki khlaw ki bap, ki wah bad ki jingdon jingem ka mariang kiba lah ban wanreh ka jingma.

Hapoh kane ka sienjam, ki nongjngohkai pyrthei kiba rah ia ki tar plastik kum ki bilor ne ki jingsong jingbam sha ki jaka ba la ithuh ki dei ban siew ia ka pisa ba lah ban ioh

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Meghalaya High Court halor ka jingpyntreikam pyrkhing ia ka jingkhing pyndonkam tang shisien ia ki plastik, khamtam ia kiba hapoh 120 micron.

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don ka bynta ba kongsan ha kaba pyntreikam, ban pynthikna ia ka jinglada ia ka mariang katha ki kyrshan ia ka jingkiew ka kam jngohkai pyrthei kaba don jingkitkhlieh.

Ka Skhim Green Deposit ka iarap ruh ia ki sienjam Clean Hills City hapoh ka Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) 2.0, ba la kyrshan da ka Tnad

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India witnessing rapid transition from women's-development to women led development

NEW DELHI, Dec 12: The Central Government gives highest priority to the safety, security and empowerment of women and girls in the country. The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach on a life-cycle continuum basis to raise the standard of living of women in the country by addressing the barriers related to their educational, social, economic and political empowerment. As a result, India is witnessing a rapid transition from women's-development to women led development with the vision of a new India where women are the leading the way in fast paced and sustainable national development.

The greatest leap forward for women's political empowerment was taken by enactment of "the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, 2023" (Constitution One Hundred and Sixth Amendment) Act 2023, for reservation of one-third of seats for women in the House of People (Lok Sabha) and in the State Legislative Assemblies including Legislative Assembly of NCT of Delhi.

In order to encourage employment of women, the four Labour Codes - the Code on Wages, 2019, the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, the Code on Social Security, 2020 and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 have

been implemented with effect from 21st November 2025, rationalizing 29 erstwhile labour laws. As part of the reforms, the codes prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender, mandate equal pay, and open doors for women to work across all sectors of economy at all times, including underground mining and heavy machinery duties & night shifts; subject to their consent and adequate safety measures by employers.

In order to reduce drudgery and enhance the ease of living for the women particularly in the rural areas, under the Swachh Bharat Mission more than 11.8 crore toilets have been constructed, over 10.3 crore households have been provided with clean cooking gas connection in the name of women under Ujjawala Yojana and over 15 crore households have been provided with safe and potable tap water connection under Jal Jeevan Mission.

Prime Minister Awaas Yojana Gramin (PMAY-G) and Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Urban (PMAY-U) aim to provide 'Housing for All' through provision of all-weather pucca house with basic amenities to all houseless families and households living in kutchha and dilapidated house in rural areas.

How Ladakh is Transforming Waste Management in Extreme Terrain

Solar Powered Cleanup: Leh's Solution to Waste

Ladakh's Leh has long been struggling with solid waste management due to booming tourism and rapid urban growth. Each year, as waste piling up and water sources are depleting, the ecologically fragile town, has been forced to rethink how to tackle it sustainably through solar-powered waste processing, groundwater protection and landfill remediation.

The Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) launched a solar-powered solid waste management initiative in year 2020. The plant, with a processing capacity of 30 tonnes per day, leverages solar energy to reduce reliance on conventional power, lower operational costs, and ensure uninterrupted operations in this remote region. Aiming for 100 percent source segregation and a 90 percent material recovery rate, the initiative ensures that the majority of collected waste is either recycled or composted, preventing it from reaching landfills and mitigating environmental pollution.

The project follows a circular economy model, converting waste into useful products such

as compost and pavement tiles, which are reintegrated into the local economy. By improving collection efficiency and processing capabilities, the initiative has significantly reduced waste overflow in public areas, enhancing sanitation and public health.

Revenue generated from selling recyclables and compost supports the plant's operations, making it financially sustainable. With its focus on recycling, reuse, and value addition, Leh's model demonstrates how solar powered, community-driven waste management can be replicated in other hilly and tourist regions. The project not only minimizes landfill accumulation but also lowers carbon emissions, supports long-term environmental sustainability, and ensures that waste management keeps pace with growing urban and tourist pressures, providing a cleaner and healthier environment for residents and visitors alike.

(Courtesy: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs / PIB Srinagar)





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Siliguri included in Nat'l Urban River Management Plan

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SILIGURI: In a significant boost to urban environmental restoration, Siliguri has been included in the Government of India's Urban River Management Plan (URMP) with the objective of rejuvenating the city's rivers. Following an understanding between the West Bengal government and the Union government, Siliguri has been formally added to the URMP list.

Under the plan, major rivers flowing through the city, includ-

ing the Mahananda, Fuleswari, Jorapani and Sahu, will undergo systematic rejuvenation and cleaning. As part of the broader initiative to improve river health and urban sanitation, the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)-III and the Fecal Sludge Management Plant (FSTP) are expected to be inaugurated by February 2026.

KMDA is executing the STP projects in the city. Three sewage treatment plants are planned, with construction of STP-III at Fulbari already completed. Work on STP-II has been

expedited, while the location for another STP has been finalised. The total cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 361 crore, with tenders expected to be floated by March.

Mayor Gautam Deb announced the developments after holding two high-level meetings with officials from the Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA), the Urban Development and Municipal Affairs (UDMA) Department, and other concerned agencies. Chief Engineer of KMDA Chandrachur

Sarkar and Senior Special Secretary, KMDA, were present during the meetings. Speaking after the discussions, Mayor Deb said: "It is a major achievement that Siliguri has been included in the Urban River Management Plan. This initiative will help rejuvenate our rivers and, with the completion of the STP projects, ensure that they remain clean in the future. We are hopeful that the STP-III will be inaugurated within February." He added that the Siliguri Municipal Corporation (SMC) will be responsible for operating and maintaining

the STPs for the next 15 years.

To oversee and expedite the implementation of the URMP, the state government has constituted a dedicated committee.

The committee will include the SMC Commissioner, Executive Engineer of SMC, city planner from the Siliguri Jalpaiguri Development Authority (SJDA), and engineers from the Irrigation, Public Health Engineering (PHE), Public Works Department (PWD), and Land departments, Sub-Divisional Officers (SDOs) of Siliguri and Jalpaiguri.



Centre lauds Nagaland's zero-plastic Hornbill

Dimapur, Dec. 12 (EMN): Nagaland has emerged as a leading example in sustainable waste management, with the Hornbill Festival achieving a zero-plastic milestone and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) recognising the state's monsoon-readiness efforts under the Safai Apnao Bimaari Bhagao (SABB) campaign.

In its recent report, the ministry highlighted the 26th edition of Hornbill Festival as a national model for demonstrating how large cultural celebrations can remain environmentally responsible.

The festival eliminated all single-use plastics, replacing them with bamboo straws, banana-leaf plates, bagasse cutlery and other biodegradable alternatives.

According to the ministry's report, the festival avoided over one million plastic items and prevented nearly 50 metric tonnes of CO₂ emissions through sustainable practices such as on-site composting, recycling, waste segregation, and local sourcing of materials.

Trained volunteers guided visitors on responsible disposal, while 42 well-maintained toilets enhanced hygiene standards across the festival grounds, it stated.

SABB drive

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs reported that Nagaland stood out among north-eastern states during the Safai Apnao Bimaari Bhagao (SABB) campaign—a nationwide initiative under Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0 aimed at improving sanitation and public health preparedness ahead of the monsoon season.

It stated that urban local bodies in Tuensang, Bhandari, Pfuetero, Mokokchung, Kohima and Dimapur, along with remote towns such as Tening and Tizit, carried out intensive pre- and post-monsoon activities, including drain cleaning, health camps, and school awareness programmes.

Nearly 5,000 participants took part in 60 cleanliness drives, 30 rainwater harvesting initiatives, and 40 monsoon-related awareness campaigns, significantly improving drainage, waste management and hygiene measures across the state.

According to the ministry, Nagaland's proactive approach helped mitigate waterlogging risks, reduce vector-borne diseases, and strengthen overall community health resilience during the monsoon.



Nagaland goes green: Hornbill zero-plastic...

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Local sourcing of materials further reduced transportation emissions, reinforcing a circular economy approach. Officials said the festival's sustainability measures demonstrated how cultural celebrations can successfully integrate environmental responsibility.

Nagaland boosts monsoon preparedness with intensive sanitation drives

Meanwhile, Nagaland has emerged as one of the leading performers in the North East under the SABB campaign, launched by the Ministry of Housing and

Urban Affairs (MoHUA) under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0. The campaign aimed to strengthen sanitation systems and improve public health preparedness ahead of the monsoon season.

Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across the state including Tuensang, Bhandari, Pfutsero, Mokokchung, Kohima, and Dimapur carried out targeted cleanliness and sanitation activities. Dimapur prioritised storm drain cleaning, while Mokokchung conducted school-based awareness drives. Remote

towns like Tening and Tizit organised health camps and community clean-up activities. Across the state, nearly 5,000 participants took part in 60 cleanliness drives, 30 rainwater harvesting initiatives, and 40 awareness campaigns, helping ease waterlogging, improve drainage, and strengthen community-level disease prevention.

Officials said the measures not only improved urban sanitation but also enhanced monsoon resilience and contributed significantly to public health across both towns and remote areas.



Nagaland goes green: Hornbill zero-plastic, SABB boosts sanitation

DIMAPUR, DEC 12 (NPN): Nagaland's push for environmental sustainability received a major boost this year through two key initiatives- the Hornbill Festival's zero-plastic roadmap and intensified sanitation interventions under the Safai Apnao Bimaari Bhagao (SABB) campaign.

According to a PIB press release, the 26th edition of the Hornbill Festival has been hailed as a national model for sustainable event management, achieving a zero-waste, zero-plastic, and fully eco-

friendly festival environment.

All single-use plastics- including straws, plates, cups, and bags- were completely banned, with vendors required to adopt biodegradable alternatives such as bamboo straws, leaf plates, and bagasse cutlery. Regular inspections ensured strict compliance.

More than one million plastic items were avoided, and the festival is estimated to have prevented nearly 50 metric tons of CO₂ emissions. To support the initiative, organisers installed

clearly marked bins for wet, dry, and recyclable waste across the venue, while volunteers guided visitors in proper waste segregation. Dry waste was sent for recycling, and wet waste was composted on-site for distribution to local farmers.

Visitors were encouraged to bring personal utensils, while refillable water stations reduced reliance on bottled water. A total of 42 clean public toilets were deployed to maintain hygiene throughout the event.

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MOUNTAINS OF CHANGE: TRANSFORMING WASTE MANAGEMENT IN HILLY AREAS



Strengthening Circular Economy: Gangtok's RRR Centre Leads Textile Waste Management

The Gangtok Municipal Corporation (GMC) has established a RRR Centre at Deorali to address the growing challenge of textile waste entering natural water bodies and contributing to environmental degradation. Although awareness activities

reuse and recycling streams. Inaugurated on 24 June 2024, the RRR Centre offers a dedicated drop-off point where residents can deposit reusable items such as clothes, books, and fabric. GMC oversees the collection process and collaborates with authorised scrap dealers for the transportation of materials outside Sikkim for recycling, given the absence of in-state processing facilities.



were undertaken in the past, improper disposal of textiles by citizens remained a persistent concern. The RRR Centre was conceptualised to provide a structured system for the collection, reuse, and recycling of discarded materials, thereby reducing pollution and promoting responsible waste practices. Key stakeholders in this initiative include the Gangtok Municipal Corporation, local citizens, and registered scrap dealers. Scrap dealers play an essential role in ensuring that items collected are channelled back into the economy through

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Mangan's Model for Smart, Sustainable Waste Management in Sikkim

Mangan, a small Nagar Panchayat in Sikkim with a population of around 6,000, has become a benchmark for solid waste management under Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0. By combining community engagement, innovative strategies, and a strong focus on sustainability, Mangan has set an example for urban local bodies across Sikkim and the northeastern region.

A standout initiative is the PET shredding machine installed at Mangan Bazaar in September 2021, the first of its kind in the state. This facility allows residents

to process plastic bottles into smaller flakes, reducing plastic waste volume by 85 percent and significantly lowering the town's plastic footprint.

Beyond plastic management, Mangan has established a state-of-the-art Material Recovery Facility (MRF) with a capacity of 5 tonnes per day, efficiently converting municipal waste into recyclable materials and high-quality compost, which is sold to the public, generating revenue for the Nagar Panchayat. The town also operates a Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR) centre, enabling citizens to donate surplus items and further minimize waste. Household participation is encouraged through the "3 Bin, 1 Bag" segregation system, and two wards have been declared "Zero Wet Waste" zones, reflecting Mangan's goal of achieving 100 percent source segregation by 2025.

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as the cleanest ULB in Sikkim and the second cleanest in the northeast, receiving multiple awards in 2022 and 2023. Mangan's holistic approach demonstrates how technology, citizen engagement, and innovative practices can transform small towns into models of sustainable urban waste management.

Guardians of the Sacred Lake: The Tsomgo Cleanliness Movement in



Sikkim

Perched at nearly 12,000 feet, Tsomgo Lake is one of Sikkim's most treasured natural wonders and the Tsomgo Pokhri Sanrakshan Samiti (TPSS) has emerged as its steadfast guardian. Driven by a deep sense of community ownership, the TPSS has built an impressive model of lake conservation that blends waste management, awareness, and sustainable tourism. From managing daily waste generated by visitors to educating tourists about ecological

to clean the surroundings, including yak excrement—a challenge unique to the region's tourism ecosystem.

Over the years, the Samiti has also carried out major clean-up drives, removing accumulated waste from the lake and its wetlands. Practical measures like banning cup noodles and providing garbage bags to drivers have significantly reduced littering. A conservation fee collected from

tourists funds regular maintenance, lake guards, and community capacity-building initiatives. TPSS runs awareness campaigns on environmental protection, urging visitors to avoid plastic bottles and respect the fragile alpine landscape. Their efforts extend beyond tourists—local vendors and residents are trained to adopt sustainable practices that protect the lake's ecology.

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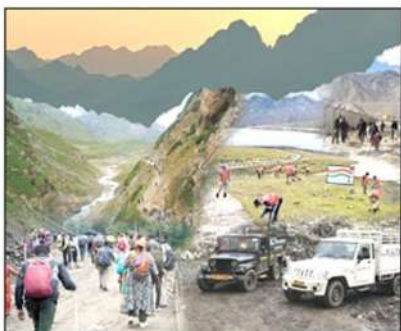
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Uttarakhand's Ten Urban Local Bodies Shine in Cleanliness

स्वच्छता में चमके उत्तराखंड के दस नगर निकाय

राज्य ब्यूरो • जागरण, देहरादून: उत्तराखंड के पर्वतीय इलाके अब स्वच्छता व कचरा प्रबंधन के क्षेत्र में बदलाव के साक्षी बन रहे हैं। प्रदेश के दस नगर निकायों में स्वच्छता को लेकर किए गए सराहनीय कार्यों पर आवासीय और शहरी कार्य मंत्रालय ने बुकलेट जारी की है।

इसमें उल्लेख है कि रुद्रपुर और मसूरी जैसे शहरों ने कचरे को बोझ नहीं, बल्कि संसाधन के रूप में देखने की नई दृष्टि विकसित की है। रुद्रपुर का 50 टीपीडी कम्प्रेस्ड बायोगैस प्लांट प्रतिदिन आने वाले कचरे का वैज्ञानिक निस्तारण कर हर महीने 34,000 से अधिक घन मीटर बायोगैस, बिजली और जैविक खाद तैयार कर रहा है, पर्यटन के दबाव से जूझते मसूरी में आठ टीपीडी बायो-मीथेनेशन प्लांट से गीले कचरे को ऊर्जा में

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बदला जा रहा है। ये दोनों माडल बताते हैं कि कचरे से ऊर्जा पैदा कर नगरीय निकाय कैसे स्वच्छता और पर्यावरणीय स्थिरता ला सकते हैं। इसी बुकलेट में वेस्ट वैरियर्स के ग्रीन गुरुकुल कार्यक्रम की सर्वसेस स्टोरी प्रकाशित है, यह गुरुकुल 100 से अधिक स्कूलों में 40,000 से ज्यादा छात्रों को कचरा प्रबंधन, रिसाइक्लिंग की शिक्षा दे चुका है।

कीर्तिनगर जैसी नगर पंचायत भी उल्लेखनीय उदाहरण बनकर उभरी है। सिर्फ सात महीनों में आधुनिक कचरा प्रसंस्करण केंद्र बनाकर रोजाना पांच टन कचरा वैज्ञानिक तरीके से निस्तारित किया जा रहा



है। जोशीमठ में संचालित मटीरियल रिकवरी फैसिलिटी ने समुदाय आधारित माडल की सफलता को साबित किया है। इसी तरह रुद्रपुर का पुराना डंपसाइट, जहां कभी दो लाख मीट्रिक टन कचरा पहाड़ की तरह जमा था, बायोमाइनिंग और वैज्ञानिक उपचार से हरियाली में बदल चुका है। बागेश्वर के सखी महिला समूह ने घर-घर जाकर कचरा संग्रह, जन-जागरूकता और अपशिष्ट पृथक्करण की आदत को लोगों में स्थापित करने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई।

इसी तरह देहरादून का नथुवावाला सैनिटेशन पार्क भी

स्वच्छता और समुदाय सहभागिता का अनूठा उदाहरण है, जहां कचरा प्रबंधन की आधुनिक प्रणाली के साथ-साथ स्थानीय बच्चों के लिए खेल का मैदान भी विकसित किया गया है, जिससे कचरा प्रबंधन को बोझ नहीं, समुदाय सेवा के रूप में स्वीकार किया गया है। हल्द्वानी में बैनी सेना ने महिलाओं की शक्ति को प्रशासनिक दक्षता में बदल दिया है। महिलाओं ने न केवल घर-घर कचरा संग्रह व्यवस्थाओं को मजबूत किया, बल्कि शिकायत निवारण से लेकर प्लास्टिक प्रतिबंध जागरूकता तक हर मोर्चे पर शहर को नई दिशा दी। केदारनाथ में प्लास्टिक कचरे पर अंकुश लगाने के लिए डिजिटल डिपाजिट रिफंड सिस्टम ने नई क्रांति ला दी है। क्यूआर कोड आधारित यह माडल यात्रियों को ब्रोतलें लौटाने पर तुरंत रिफंड देता है।

Assam converts water hyacinth into sustainable livelihoods

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Dec 15: Assam showcased innovative waste-to-wealth initiatives by turning invasive water hyacinth into sustainable livelihood opportunities in Morigaon district and Guwahati. In Borchila village, women supported by the Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission produced handicrafts from water hyacinth, earning at least Rs 10,000 per month while addressing ecological challenges in the flood-prone area.

Near Deepor Beel in Guwahati, young entrepreneurs launched Kumbhi Kagaz, which produced biodegradable handmade paper from the plant and pro-



vided employment to nearly 40 women. The initiatives demonstrated how

community participation, women's empowerment and innovation helped convert

an environmental problem into economic and ecological benefits.



Meghalaya's Women Become Leaders in 'Waste Management'

दैनिक पूर्वोदय
सूचना, सर्वोत्तम

मेघालय की महिलाएं बनीं 'वेस्ट मैनेजमेंट' की लीडर

■ कचरा चुनने वाले समूह ने लिखी सफलता की कहानी

शिलोंग, 14 दिसंबर (वार्ता)। मेघालय में महिलाएं कचरा प्रबंधन (वेस्ट मैनेजमेंट) के क्षेत्र में नेतृत्व कर रही हैं और देश में अपशिष्ट निपटान में बदलाव लाने के नए मानक बना रही हैं। ऐसी ही एक प्रेरणादायक मिसाल है 'ईस्कैम स्वयं सहायता समूह' (एसएचजी), जिसे 'माटेन की मेरी मेडेंस' के नाम से जाना जाता है। यह समूह मेघालय में कचरा

बीनने वालों से एक सफल उद्यम में बदल गया है।

नवंबर 2014 में बना 'मेरी मेडेंस' समूह पहले शहर के बाहरी इलाके में माटेन लैंडफिल में कचरा बीनने वाली महिलाओं के समूह के रूप में शुरू हुआ था। अब यह समूह बायोडिग्रेडेबल कचरे को प्रमाणित खाद में बदलने का काम करता है। इससे टिकाऊ आजीविका और पर्यावरणीय स्वास्थ्य को बढ़ावा मिलता है। 'ईस्कैम एसएचजी' अब पारंपरिक और स्वदेशी तकनीकों के इस्तेमाल से प्रमाणित खाद बनाता है, जिससे जैविक कचरा, एक मूल्यवान संसाधन में बदल जाता है।

एक आधिकारिक बयान में रविवार

को कहा गया, 'ईस्कैम एसएचजी की सफलता शहरी मामलों के विभाग से लगातार प्रशिक्षण और तकनीकी सहायता से जुड़ी हुई है। क्षमता निर्माण और संस्थागत समर्थन के माध्यम से, इन महिलाओं ने एक चुनौतीपूर्ण और अक्सर कलंकित माने जाने वाले पेशे को एक संरचित, गरिमापूर्ण और टिकाऊ आजीविका में बदल दिया है।'

बयान के अनुसार, 'उनका काम लैंडफिल का बोझ कम कर रहा है, मिट्टी के स्वास्थ्य में सुधार कर रहा है, और आसपास के समुदायों में जिम्मेदार अपशिष्ट प्रतिक्रिया को बढ़ावा दे रहा है। पर्यावरण लाभों से

पर, इस समूह ने स्थानीय हरित अर्थव्यवस्था को मजबूत किया है, जो समुदाय-संचालित समाधानों की सामाजिक-आर्थिक क्षमता को प्रदर्शित करता है।' 'शिलोंग की मेरी मेडेंस' अब उन गांवों और कस्बों की कॉलोनियों के लिए एक अनुकूलनीय मॉडल बन गई हैं जहां विकेंद्रीकृत कचरा प्रबंधन को लागू किया जा सकता है। यह समूह अब इस बात का एक शक्तिशाली मॉडल बन गया है कि कैसे राज्य के समाधान द्वारा समर्थित महिला-नेतृत्व वाले जमीनी प्रयास, मेघालय में समावेशी और टिकाऊ विकास को आगे बढ़ाते हुए अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन चुनौतियों के लिए

दीर्घकालिक समाधान प्रदान कर सकते हैं। मेघालय सरकार के अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन प्रणालियों को मजबूत करने के लिए चल रहे प्रयासों के अनुरूप, राज्य के कई जिलों में उत्साहजनक प्रगति देखी जा रही है।

आवास और शहरी मामलों के केंद्रीय मंत्रालय और विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों के प्रयासों से अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन में एक परिवर्तनकारी बदलाव देख रहा है, जिसमें स्रोत पर कचरा अलग करने, प्लास्टिक में कमी लाने, विकेंद्रीकृत खाद और सामुदायिक भागीदारी पर ध्यान केंद्रित किया जा रहा है।

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1	Only 1 day left!@MoHUA_India is organizing #CleanHillCitiesInitiative to formulate waste management strategies for high tourism pressure hill cities. 13 states from the Himalayas and North-East will participate in this initiative.@PIB_India @MIB_India @airnews_kolkata @DDBanglaNews	PIBKolkata	15/12/2025	07:49	Link
2	Ø=ÜUttarakhand is making resources for cleanlinessØ=Ü10 urban local bodies of Uttarakhand performed remarkably in the field of cleanliness Ø<ß?&{p #SwachhUttarakhand #CleanIndia #WasteToWealth https://t.co/Z75M5fhz1s	PIBDehradun	15/12/2025	05:50	Link
3	Water Hyacinth to Wealth Communities in Assam are transforming an invasive weed into sustainable livelihoods through circular economy initiatives under the Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban (SBM-U).#CleanHillCities https://t.co/CkaJCIJU31	PIBKohima	15/12/2025	05:32	Link
4	In Champhai city, people collectively clean up garbage in every neighborhood.In Champhai, under the arrangement of VCs, people have collectively purchased vehicles for garbage disposal. Even those without garbage disposal vehicles hire them, and the workers who dispose of the garbage and their expenses are covered by the community through 100-day work schemes and other contributions. The community disposes of the garbage within the neighborhood.Garbage disposal in Champhai city is under the responsibility of the UD&PA Dept, and it is usually done with government funds. Even though the garbage disposal trucks are still running, the neighborhoods no longer rely on the department.People, united under the leadership of community leaders, started disposing of garbage around 2018. Except for one or two neighborhoods in Champhai city, the department is mostly free from this responsibility.#DDnewsmizoram	DDNewsMizoram	14/12/2025	12:15	Link

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5	<p>Transforming #WasteManagement in Hilly Areas! Jiribam Leads the Way: Transforming Freezers and Glass Bottles into Sustainable SolutionsTake a glance at another powerful success story of sustainability and community action! Jiribam Municipal Council in #Manipur has introduced an innovative waste management initiative that transforms discarded materials into valuable community assets. With a focus on sustainability, circular economy practices, and citizen participation, the council has repurposed old freezers into plastic banks and reused glass bottles for beautification and functional construction across the town To strengthen responsible waste disposal, Jiribam Municipality has been conducting dedicated waste collection drives and offering of electronic waste, which often goes unmanaged in small towns. As a creative extension of this initiative, discarded freezers have been redesigned as plastic banks, encouraging households to segregate and deposit plastic waste for recycling#CleanHillCities #SwachhBharatAbhiyan @SwachhBharatGov @MoHUA_India</p>	PIB_India	14/12/2025	10:55	Link
6	<p>Transforming #WasteManagement in Hilly Areas! Tezpur: Women at the Heart of Waste ReductionTake a glance at the powerful success story of sustainability and community action! In the heritage town of Tezpur, managing waste efficiently had long been a challenge due to limited manpower, space constraints, and rising urban pressures. Instead of allowing these hurdles to slow progress, the Tezpur Municipal Board turned to the strength of community partnerships. Their collaboration with Tezpur Mahila Samiti -one of the city's oldest and most trusted organisations, established in 1921 – laid the foundation for an innovative, people-centric solution In February 2024, the two institutions jointly launched a permanent RRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Centre within the Samiti campus. Designed as a welcoming and organised space, the centre accepts gently used clothes, books, toys, footwear, and household items from citizens. These donations are carefully sorted and redistributed to families who need them most.#SwachhBharat #CleanHillCities #SwachhBharatAbhiyan@SwachhBharatGov @MoHUA_India</p>	airnewsalerts	14/12/2025	08:21	Link

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7	<p>#Sikar : Municipality Celebrates Cleanliness Festival</p> <p>Voluntary work done at the municipality premises and archway, Municipality EO Omprakash administered the oath of cleanliness to everyone, a cleanliness rally was organized to make the general public and Shyam devotees aware in the town, Health Inspector Virendra Singh Chandel, Junior Clerk Vijaypal Singh, Rajendra Verma along with the employees of the municipality were also present.</p> <p>@DcDmSikar @AshokSingh_Zee #LatestNews #RajasthanNews #RajasthanWithZee</p>	zeerajasthan_	14/12/2025	08:01	Link
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9	<p>#Rudrapur, #Uttarakhand, has transformed a long-standing dumpsite into a green space under Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0.The city, along with Mussoorie, is adopting waste-to-energy systems that convert waste into clean energy and organic fertilizer, showcasing a sustainable approach to urban waste management.@MoHUA_India #SwachhBharatAbhiyan #CleanHillCities</p>	DDNewslive	13/12/2025	14:13	Link

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10	<p>#Kirtinagar, #Uttarakhand, has set a benchmark with its Waste Processing Facility, operational since January 2023, handling five tons of solid waste daily. Designed for steep terrain and wildlife areas, the facility uses composting pits and a Material Recovery Facility. The project, completed in seven months, earned Kirtinagar a Silver Award at the 2024 Skoch Awards. @MoHUA_India #SwachhBharatAbhiyan #CleanHillCities</p>	DDNewslive	13/12/2025	14:17	Link
11	<p>#Joshimath, #Uttarakhand, tackles seasonal waste through a community-led Material Recovery Facility (MRF) set up in 2010. Since December 2022, it has processed over 1.3 million kg of inorganic waste, generated 1 crore in revenue, improved sanitation workers' livelihoods, reduced litter, and boosted environmental awareness. The initiative has won the Chief Minister Nirmal Nagar Excellent Puraskar twice. @MoHUA_India #SwachhBharatAbhiyan #CleanHillCities</p>	DDNewslive	13/12/2025	14:22	Link
12	<p>#WATCH Leh, the capital of the Union Territory of Ladakh, is adopting innovative solutions to tackle waste management challenges in its harsh, high-altitude terrain. In 2020, a solar-powered solid waste processing plant with a capacity of 30 tonnes per day was launched, aiming for 100% source segregation and 90% material recovery. The administration has also set up a decentralised Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP), treating over 6 million litres of waste and earning the AMRUT Technology Challenge Award, significantly improving sanitation and groundwater safety. To support sanitation workers in extreme winters, a dedicated wash facility has been established, ensuring their health, hygiene, and dignity. In another landmark step, Leh has reclaimed 20.26 hectares of land through dumpsite remediation, with part of it earmarked for afforestation. Moses Kunzang, Administrative Secretary, Urban Local Bodies, Ladakh, speaks. @MoHUA_India #Ladakh #Leh #WasteManagement #SwachhBharatAbhiyaan #SustainableDevelopment #SolarPower #CleanEnergy #UrbanDevelopment #EnvironmentalProtection #EcoRestoration</p>	DDNewslive	13/12/2025	14:42	Link

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13	<p>#Jaipur: New Rise - New Identity, Growing Rajasthan - Our Rajasthan</p> <p>A cleanliness awareness and Shramdaan program is being organized across the state today, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma at Jal Mahal ki Paal...</p> <p>#RajasthanWithFirstIndia @BhajanlalBjp @RajGovOfficial @aishwaryam99 https://t.co/iKKgHw23uW</p>	1stIndiaNews	14/12/2025	03:22	Link
14	<p>Cleanliness awareness and Shramdaan program in the state</p> <p>Address by Chief Minister Bhajanlal on the banks of Jal Mahal, said - 'Cleanliness awareness and Shramdaan program in the state', 'Government and society...</p> <p>#Jaipur #RajasthanWithFirstIndia @BhajanlalBjp @RajGovOfficial https://t.co/yZWwdLvC1H</p>	1stIndiaNews	14/12/2025	03:54	Link
15	<p>State level cleanliness awareness and Shramdaan program in Jaipur</p> <p>CM participated and gave the message of Clean Rajasthan.</p> <p>#SwachhRajasthan #Shramdaan #CleanIndia #CMJaipur #RajasthanNews #DDNewsRajasthan</p> <p>#watch Ø=ÜI https://t.co/tqibN2dS6R</p>	DDNewsRajasthan	14/12/2025	06:21	Link
16	<p>3 Days to go!Workshop on CLEAN HILL CITIES INITIATIVE16 Dec 2025 https://t.co/GomjlvdkUh</p> <p>#jaipur Cleanliness awareness and Shramdaan program on completion of 2 years</p>	PIBKohima	13/12/2025	12:37	Link
17	<p>Shramdaan program at Jal Mahal's Pal tomorrow at 7.30 am, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma will do Shramdaan, inspection regarding the preparations for the program, Collector Jitendra Kumar Soni, Commissioner Gaurav Kumar Saini inspected, inspected the arrangements with the officials.</p> <p>@RajGovOfficial @BhajanlalBjp @DipuGoyal #LatestNews #RajasthanNews #RajasthanWithZee</p>	zeerajasthan_	13/12/2025	08:35	Link
18	<p>Meghalaya's Merry Maidens Are Redefining India's Waste Management StoryRead more on: https://t.co/v5YfQHRm8y@MoHUA_India</p>	PIBShillong	15/12/2025	06:23	Link

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19	To support sanitation workers in extreme winters, a dedicated wash facility has been established, ensuring their health, hygiene, and dignity.	PIBSrinagar	14/12/2025	11:55	Link
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22	#Nagaland Strengthens Monsoon Readiness through intensive sanitation measures#SHS2025 #swachhatahiseva2025 https://t.co/DDUzt5gXBV	PIBKohima	12/12/2025	12:44	Link
23	Innovation in waste management in Himalayan states! Greater attention is being paid to waste management in the high and harsh Himalayan states where tourism and pilgrimage activities are high. Awareness is being created among students about this, including systematic collection, segregation and scientific management of wastes. Special information about this https://t.co/tWzA2UyaWk @PMOIndia @CRPaatil @mlkhattar @VSOMANNA_BJP @tokhansahu_bjp @MoJSDDWS @MoHUA_India @SwachhBharatGov @swachhbharat @PIB_India @MIB_India @DG_PIB @sjaju1 @DDNewslive @DDNational @DDChandanaNews @airnewsalerts @airnews_kannada @CBC_Bengaluru	PIBBengaluru	16/12/2025	06:12	Link

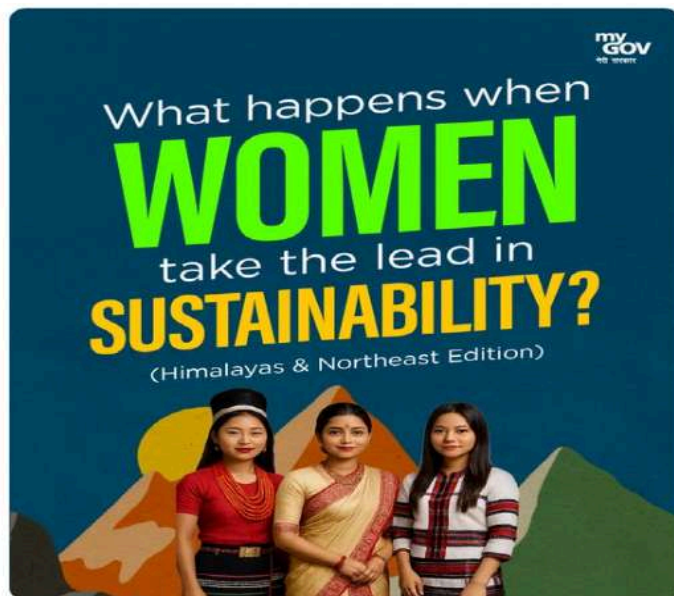
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24	Waste Management Innovations in Himalayan States As the first light of the day touches the Himalayan ranges, life begins quietly across the majestic mountains. In hill towns, sanitation workers navigate narrow pathways to collect household waste. On school campuses, students segregate waste as part of routine practice, while at pilgrimage sites, visitors use designated collection points. These everyday actions reflect a growing emphasis on organised waste management in the Himalayan region, which is further shaped by high-altitude settlements, difficult terrain, climatic variability, and limited land availability. Seasonal tourism and pilgrimage activities add to these operational demands, requiring locally adapted and decentralised solutions. Recognising these conditions, governments at all levels have strengthened waste management efforts under Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0, with a focus on source segregation, scientific waste management, and remediation of legacy dumpsites and active citizen and institutional participation. Read here: https://t.co/fdmZThicRV	PIB_India	16/12/2025	05:38	Link
25	Swachh Lakhimpur showcases how scientific waste management, legacy waste remediation, and integrated processing facilities can drive ecological restoration and sustainable urban development in Assam. #CleanHillCities https://t.co/DSiesz2g9f	PIBKohima	16/12/2025	05:33	Link
26	1 Day to Go! MoHUA will host the #CleanHillCitiesInitiative, bringing together 13 Himalayan & NE States to shape a waste management strategy for high-footfall hill towns. Chaired by Secy, MoHUA Sh. S. Katikithala, it will highlight key challenges and replicable solutions.	PIBKohima	16/12/2025	05:31	Link
27	SWACHHATA IN UTTARAKHAND Legacy Waste Remediation Door-to-Door Collection Solid Waste Processing https://t.co/FWai8bzOwo	PIBDehradun	16/12/2025	04:34	Link



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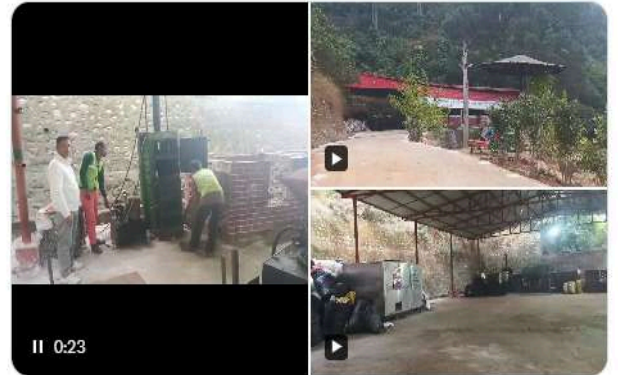


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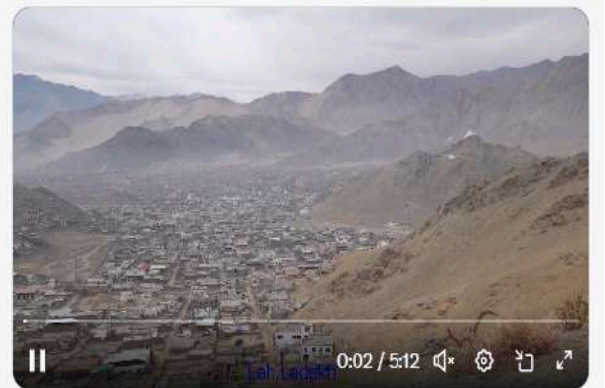


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The North Lakhimpur Municipal Board cleared 79,000 metric tonnes (MT) of legacy waste from the Chandmari dumpsite. The intervention freed 16 bighas of land, with another 10 bighas now set to be transformed into an Urban Forest and Urban Retreat Zone

#Aizawl has sharpened its sanitation drive with a creative, people-powered push: the Adopt-a-Dustbin Scheme. Launched on 5 June 2025, World Environment Day, the initiative forms a key part of the city's Comprehensive Plan for Municipal Solid Waste Management

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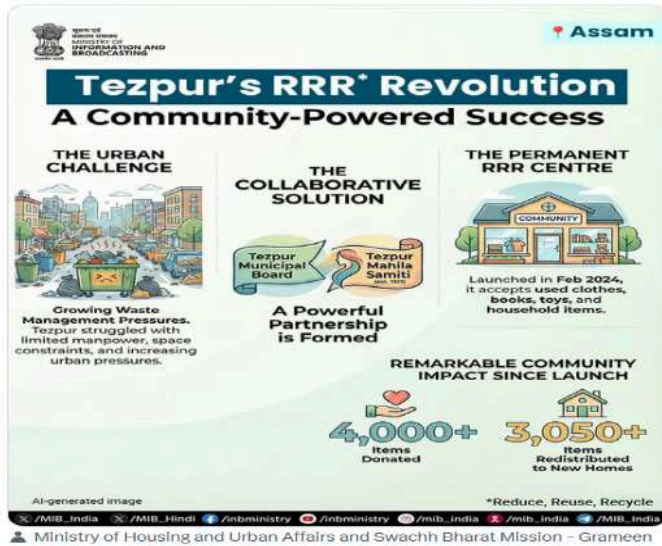
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Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs @MoHUA_India · Dec 13 🔄 ...

Nagaland's iconic Hornbill Festival has become a national model—showing how large celebrations can be both vibrant and environmentally responsible. How was this achieved? 🌱

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ZERO-PLASTIC HORNBILL

Dimapur, Dec. 12 (EMN): Nagaland has emerged as a leading example in sustainable waste management, with the Hornbill Festival achieving a zero-plastic milestone and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) recognising the state's monsoon-readiness efforts under the Safai Apnao Bhaari Bhagao (SABB) campaign.

In its recent report, the ministry highlighted the 26th edition of Hornbill Festival as a national model for demonstrating how large cultural celebrations can remain environmentally responsible.

The festival eliminated all single-use plastics, replacing them with bamboo straws, banana-leaf plates, bagasse cutlery and other biodegradable alternatives.

According to the ministry's report, the festival avoided over one million plastic items and prevented nearly 50 metric tonnes of CO₂ emissions through sustainable practices such as on-site composting, recycling, waste segregation, and local sourcing of materials. Trained volunteers guided

SABB drive

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs reported that Nagaland stood out among north-eastern states during the Safai Apnao Bhaari Bhagao (SABB) campaign—a nationwide initiative under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 aimed at improving sanitation and public health preparedness ahead of the monsoon season.

It stated that urban local bodies in Tuensang, Bhandari, Phusero, Mokochung, Kohima and Dimapur, along with remote towns such as Teling and Tilot, carried out intensive pre- and post-monsoon activities, including drain cleaning, health camps, and school awareness programmes.

Nearly 5,000 participants took part in 60 cleanliness drives, 30 rainwater harvesting initiatives, and 40 monsoon-related awareness campaigns, significantly improving drainage waste management and hygiene measures across the state.

According to the ministry, Nagaland's proactive approach

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Who are Shillong's Merry Maidens pioneering a transformative approach to waste management? 🌱🌟 #CleanHillCities

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The Shillong Times

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Our Reporter

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Where Waste Finds Purpose: Lessons from Northeast India

High In the hills and valleys of Northeast India, where rivers carve their own stories and forests breathe with ancient rhythm, a quiet revolution is unfolding.

Read more: pib.gov.in/FeaturesDetail...

MOUNTAINS OF CHANGE: TRANSFORMING WASTE MANAGEMENT IN HILLY AREAS

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PIB in West Bengal @PIBKolkata · 1h

Extensive #Swachhata activities undertaken in #NorthBengal under the aegis of @MoHUA
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SWACHHATA IN WEST BENGAL

Swachhata in Himalayan Hill Cities*

Cities	Waste Generation (TPD)	Highlights
Darjeeling	26	>90% door-to-door collection
Kurseong	7	15 Lakh MT Legacy Waste in Siliguri, 24.8% remediated
Kalimpong	13	Kalimpong, Mirik and Siliguri certified as ODF+
Mirik	4	
Siliguri	297	

Swachhata Budget under SBM-U 2.0

1.6 X Mission Allocation ₹1449.30 Cr Projects worth ₹3586.85 Cr underway

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PIB in Nagaland @PIBKohima · 1h

Swachh Lakhimpur showcases how scientific waste management, legacy waste remediation, and integrated processing facilities can drive ecological restoration and sustainable urban development in Assam.

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Lakhimpur's Green Transformation
A Waste Management Success Story

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79,000 metric tons of legacy waste
70,000 residents impacted
Land Reclaimed and Reimagined
Assam's First Integrated Waste Hub
100 TPD*
25 TPD*

THE SOLUTION: RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION

Severely polluted Sumdri River
Ecological Revival
The Sumdri River was restored, allowing fish, birds, and aquatic species to thrive.

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and 2 others

PIB in Manipur @PIBImphal · 15h

Swachh Lakhimpur exemplifies how scientific waste management, legacy waste remediation, and integrated processing facilities can transform cities—driving ecological restoration and sustainable urban growth in Assam.

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Ministry of Information and Broadcasting @MIB_India · 20h

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PIB in Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh @PIBSrinagar

#WATCH | Leh, the capital of the Union Territory of Ladakh, is adopting innovative solutions to tackle waste management challenges in its harsh, high-altitude terrain.

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The two advisories outline practical approaches for onsite sanitation in colder regions and strategies to promote the offtake of treated sewage sludge for improved sanitation outcomes.



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CBC_RO_Bhopal @CBCBhopal · 1h

SHG-led vermicomposting in Sivasagar, Assam is transforming urban waste into opportunity - promoting sustainability, strengthening livelihoods, and advancing a circular economy.

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The first session of the Preparatory Workshop focused on Proven, Practical, Possible approaches, highlighting effective and replicable models in Himalayan cities, including community-led waste management, decentralised sanitation systems, and resource recovery initiatives.



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Setting the context for the Preparatory Workshop on the Clean Himalayan Hill Cities Initiative, Ms. Roopa Mishra, JS & MD, MoHUA, highlighted success stories, impactful journeys and initiatives from the difficult terrains of the NE, Himalayan and Hill Cities. #CleanHillCities



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