

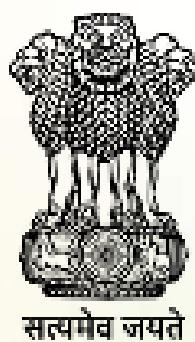
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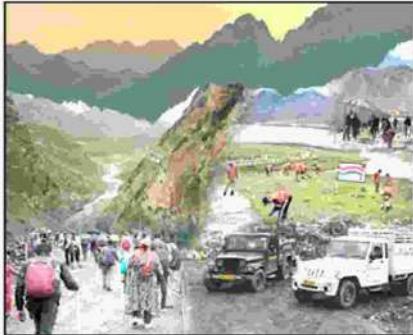


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MOUNTAINS OF CHANGE: TRANSFORMING WASTE MANAGEMENT IN HILLY AREAS



**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 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.

Today, Tsomgo Lake is

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

(A PIB feature)



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.

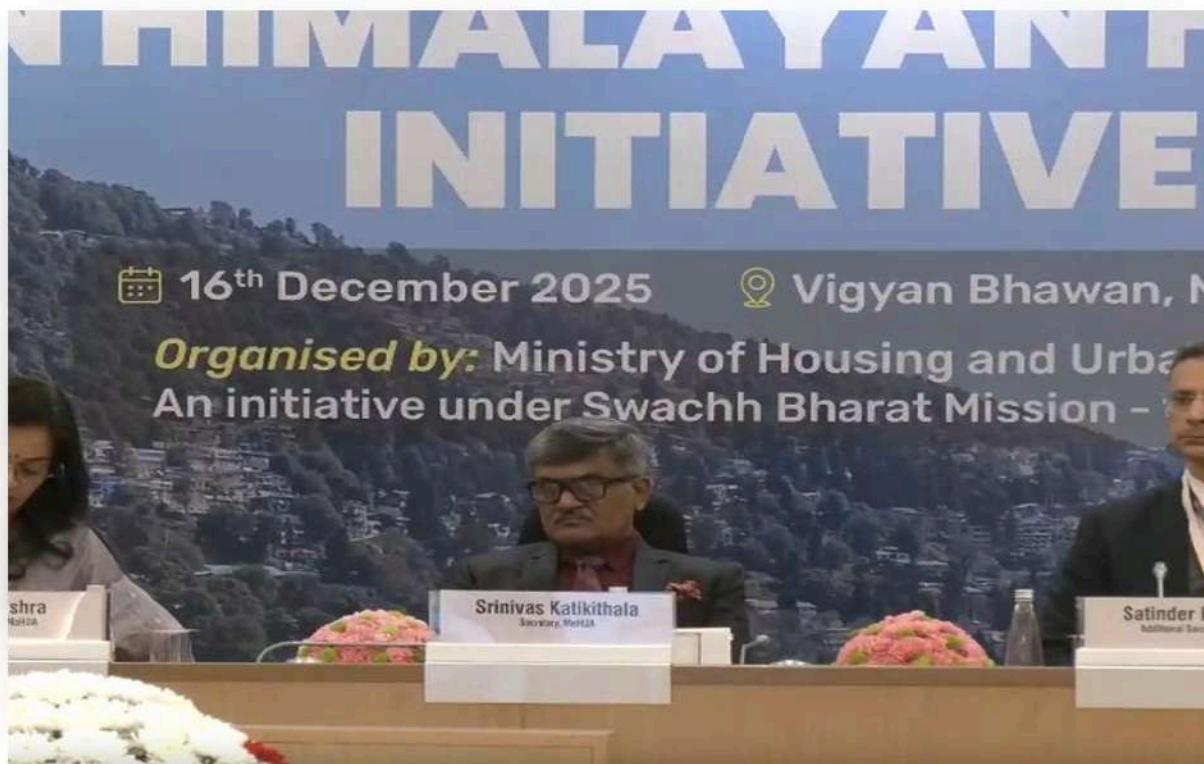
Building on these successes and with an aim to further accelerate and amplify such efforts, this initiative will strengthen collaboration, share knowledge and chart a sustainable pathway for clean and resilient hill cities," the ministry said.

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 रुपए 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। उत्तराखण्ड 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 डेस्टिनेशन्स पर सफाई अभियान चलाते हैं, समुदाय इकट्ठा करते हैं और कचरे का ऑडिट करते हैं।"

एज्योर लोटस फाउंडेशन की इतिशा 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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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 Serialized 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-high-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://observervoice.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

नईदिल्ली, (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. कटिकथला 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 एप्रेजेटिव्स को एक साथ लाया गया है।

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

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

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

पहाड़ी शहरों ने 1000 करोड़ से सुधारेगा सॉलिड वेस्ट मैनेजमेंट

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तोखन साहू ने कहा कि विकसित भारत का हमारा दृष्टिकोण एक ऐसे भारत को लेकर है जहां हर शहरी नागरिक, चाहें वह एक स्ट्रीट वेंडर हो, अपशिष्ट प्रबंधक हो, निर्माण श्रमिक हो या गिर वर्कर हो, राष्ट्र के विकास में एक सम्मानजनक भागीदार बनाता है। मंत्री तोखन साहू ने यशोभूमि इंडिया इंटरनेशनल कन्वेशन सेंटर में 2047 के विकासशील भारत के दृष्टिकोण को आगे बढ़ाने की प्रतिबद्धता को दर्शाते हुए माननीय केंद्रीय आवासन 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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لداخ کے سختیں پہلی ترقی تکمیل (ایل اے کیڈی ای) نے سال 2020 میں شیخ توانائی پر بھی عوام کچرے کا انتظام کا ایک مخصوصی پروگرام۔ یہ بات ہر دن 30 ان کی ہے اور ہر سو کمیٹی کا انتظام رکارداشی کے استعمال کے لئے ریلے رانی بھلی پر بھار کر کرتا ہے آپنی اخراجات کھانا ہے اور اس دوسرے اخراج میں پاکیل کام کو تجھی خاتا ہے۔ سو فیصد مانع پر بھلی سے کی علیحدی (سویں پریلیٹھن) اور 90 فیصد موکبی باریکی کے ہف کے ساتھ، مخصوصہ اس بات کو تجھی خاتا ہے کجھ کیا گیا ہے اور

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(بیکری وزارت ہاؤس گنگ و شہری امور اپنی آئی پی سری نگر)



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اس اقدام کا اعلان وزارتِ شہری امور کی جانب سے 10 نومبر 2025 (8 نومبر 2025) کے دوران کیا گیا تھا، جو سچے پہلی تھا۔ اہمین کے "کارچ فری سٹریٹ" وزن کو مزید تقویت دیتا ہے۔ اس پہل میں ٹھیکانہ شہری اور ہمالیائی ریاستوں کے علاوہ وغیری بھاول کے اہم پہاڑی اور دہم



عمرتِ ڈیکٹ

نئی دہلی؛ وزارتِ باہنگ و شہری امور (مہہدا) نے آج وکیان بخون، نئی دہلی میں "صاف ہمالیائی پہاڑی شہر" اقدام کے تحت ایک اہم تیاریاں اور کشاپ کا اعتماد کیا، جس کا منعقد ہمالیائی اور پہاڑی شہروں میں پائیدار، موثر اور نیایاں صفائی کے حصول کے لیے ایک واضح، امن-محبک اور تجیہ خیر رہنمای پیار کرنا تھا۔ یہ تیاریاں اور کشاپ 16 دسمبر 2025 کو منعقد ہوئی، جس میں

مختلف ریاستوں، شہری ماہرین، شیکنی کے سینئر نمائندوں نے شرکت کی۔ "صاف ہمالیائی اور پہاڑی کے شہر" دلچسپ، کریاگ، کامپونگ، پہاڑی شہر" اقدام، شہری صفائی کے اداروں، تجیی شرکت داروں، تیکناوی اور کشاپ کی صدارت سکریٹری، شہری امور، شری کوئی ایک جامع اور بہف پر منی شہل کیا گیا ہے اس طرح یہ اقدام پرے ہمالیائی میں۔ صاف ہمالیائی۔

ل: راج ناتھ سنگھ

کی ایڈڈر برائے ایکارطا

درکھا کیلئے وہ انتظامی اقدار سے بھارت کے پروف کے کلیدی کروادا کرتی ہیں۔ وغیرہ دفعہ نے ذی ہی کی جانب سے وکیل لیند سیلائیٹ اسٹیجی کے ناوازات کے خاتمے، ماحولیاتی م اور اسکل دفعہ پہنچ کے کو سراہا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ کوئی بزرگ صاف بناتا، پانی کے سائنسی انداز میں ویسے یہ اقدامات اس بات کا ثبوت ہی 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 Serialized 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

ग्रन्थालयालय, नैडि

উত্তরপূর্ব “ভারতের শাহীক-
উপজাতীয় গোষ্ঠী যেখানে নীল
নিমেজনের গাঁথ নিজেই লেপে
করে আর বন্ধনে বন্ধন করে হচ্ছে
নীলের এক পরিবর্তনে তেজ
উঠছে; বাহু শহু পেটে শুক
করে প্রকৃত প্রাণ - সহস্র জাতের
মানুষ বর্জন পুরুষান্তরের লাল
নীলে নীল করে লিপিবদ্ধ করামারণ
দৃঢ়ভাবে; যা একসময় ছিল কঠিন
সহস্রা, আজ তা হয়ে উঠেছে
উত্তরপূর্বের কানাকাপাথ; কল্পনারিত
প্রাচীক, কীরিমা-সুন্দরীকাৰী
কৃষ্ণকান্ত-জ্বানী, শুন্দরীকাৰী
মেঠোগুৰী পাতে তোমা নাগীকৰী
গোৱাই, আমা পানীকৰী শহীতের
সুষঙ্গা নৃনূল করে নিখীলণ করা
পূৰ্বসূল।

- ଉତ୍ତରପୂର୍ବ ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର ପାଇଁ

ଅମ୍ବର ହରିହର ନଗର-ଶାସନକୁ ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତନ କରିବାର ପରିକଳ୍ପନା ପାଇଁ କାମକାଳୀ କାମକାଳୀ କାମକାଳୀ କାମକାଳୀ



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କିମ୍ବା ଏକଟେ ଶାପି, ଯାହା କାହାରେ ପାଇଲା ତାଙ୍କୁ ପାଇଲା କାହାରେ
କାହାରେ ହୁଣିବା କାହାରେ କାହାରେ
ପୂର୍ବାମ୍ଭୋ ବର୍ଷି ଅପରିକାରୀ
ମୁହଁମିଳି ନିରିତ ମୁନକାଳୀବେଳେ
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ମହାବ୍ୟଥେ 'ଶ୍ରୀ ଶର୍ଵିମୁଖ' ଆଜାନେ
ଅମ୍ବାମ୍ଭୋ ମୁହଁମିଳି ନାମର ଉତ୍ତରାବ୍ୟଥରେ

କାନ୍ଦିତ ।

অসমীয়াবিত্তে একটি জন-বাচ্চি অসমীয়াবিত্ত-চিকিৎসক কৰিন বাজাৰ বৰকলোৱা মতেও কৰা কৰা যাব। উদ্দেশ্য কৰি জনস্বাস্থ্য সুৰক্ষা কৰাবলৈ কৰা। বাজাৰ সদস্যৰাৰ একটি কল কৰি প্ৰশংসিত বজাৰ সংগ্ৰহ কৰু বৰা প্ৰাস্তুত-বজুল তত্ত্বাবলৈ বজুল পিণ্ডে দেৱা হৈ যাবত আৰু বজাৰ কোৱা না যাব। প্ৰশংসিত, সত্যজীবী কৰিয়ান ও বিষ্ণু কৰ্মসূচীৰ মাধ্যমে মানবৰূপৰ বজাৰ প্ৰযোৗৰূপৰ পৰিবৰ্তনৰ নিষ্পত্তিকৰণ কৰা হৈ। উলোগীয়া প্ৰতি বিশ্বত হৈ, দেৱস্বৰূপৰ কৰাবলৈ প্ৰশংসিত একটি উদ্দেশ্য পুনৰুৎকৃষ্ট হৈলে যাবে শুল্ক কিন উন বজাৰ প্ৰক্ৰিয়াৰ হৈলে থাকে বৰ্তি, বৰ্ষা ও নথৰ মেৰে সাধাৰণত পুনৰুৎকৃষ্টযোগ্যা সামগ্ৰী কৰে পুনৰুৎকৃষ্ট পোতিৰ সকলোৱা যাব। কৰিব ও বৰ্ষাবৰ্ষাৰ বয়ে গৱেষণাৰ পুনৰুৎকৃষ্ট পোতিৰ এই বজুল প্ৰক্ৰিয়া কৰে পাকে পৰিষিক প্ৰযোগ। প্ৰযোগৰ প্ৰক্ৰিয়া উদাহৰণ, বেচামে ১০,০০০ পুনৰুৎকৃষ্ট বৰ্তোৱাৰ সহ পুনৰুৎকৃষ্ট উৎকৃষ্ট বৰ্ষাবৰ্ষাৰ কৰা হৈয়াৰ।

- **অসমীয়া উদোয়াৰ পৰ্যাপ্ত প্ৰযুক্তি**

প্ৰিয়াৰ নৰে বৰ্ণনাৰ সামগ্ৰীৰ কলাশৰ বৰ্ষাবৰ্ষাৰ নিয়ামত প্ৰক্ৰিয়া ও মৃত উলোগী কলাশৰ নিয়ে

সব নর্মায় কারোকাল
নো হচ্ছাই এবা আনন্দুল
কুল বৰাহু কামাকে জৰুৱা
কৃতি কোকান আয়েই সংজ
মনে হচ্ছে পৰিকল্পনাক
সকল পৰামুলে চৰুণ সামাজিক
সম্প্ৰদায় - কোড়ি-চিকিৎস
কাৰণ, আশুলিঙ্গিক স্টেটক ও
মিলিং কৰে কার আৰাপুৰ
কলাপোতা প্ৰে, বৰীশেৰ সুৰ
বৰাহু কৰা হচ্ছাই। এৰ ফলে,
এক বিলোপনৰ প্ৰেম প্ৰাপ্তিৰ
সময় বৰাহুৰ কৰণে দেহে
এৰা প্ৰা ১০ মিনিটে দেখ কৰাব
হই পৰাইত নিষ্পত্তিৰ ক্ষমতা
সহৃদয় হচ্ছাই।



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

हिमाली शहरहरूमा स्वच्छता सुदृढ बनाउन प्रारम्भिक कार्यगोष्ठीमा राज्य, विशेषज्ञ अनि साझेदारहरू एकै मश्यमा



नवी दिल्ली, १६ दिसम्बर
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नीय कैमेन रेन्ट, रणनीतिक
साथी परिवारमधीन कामचित्त
विकात गर्न सबै हिमालीकालाई
एक साथ लाई १६ दिसम्बरको
दिन नवी दिल्लीमा बस बनवान
साथी बस तथा शहरी कार ब
नवालायदार सच्च हिमाली शहर
लालको लाला प्राप्तिकार्याली
सच्च अनुकरणीय साथी
परिवारमधीन समायान द्राघन नै
कैमी परिवारमधीन बसलालालाई
पहल अनि दूसरू मन्त्र चलाव
प्रधारित गंगा का छन्। चिन्ह
सकलताका आधारमा तथा त्वरित
प्रयासलाई अझ गति प्रदान गरी
व्यापका द्राघन गर्न, बस पहल
सालालाई सुलु बसलालाका साथी
जानको आदान-प्रदान का सायामा
सच्च अनि प्रयासी पाहाइ
साथी बसलालाका आधारमा
प्रधारित शहरक लागाए बसलालाका
प्रधारित शहरक लागाए बसलालाका

जिल्हा जल समन्वय र

गान्धीक, १६ दिसम्बर
(रि.स.)। गान्धीका विज्ञाका जिज्ञासा तुषा किसाले आज
जिज्ञासा करने वाले निर्वाचक नियमानुसार इत्याम
जिज्ञासा करने वाले नियमानुसार इत्याम
इत्याम जिज्ञासा जल तथा समस्यार्थ
अधिकारिको समावय र अनुप्राप्त
वैदेताको अधिकारी रहना। वैदेताका
अतिरिक्त जिज्ञासा वाले वाले चुक
वाल चुक भी दिए। समावक
जिज्ञासा वालोंसाथ छालिया, जिज्ञासा
योगाक अधिकारी, जिज्ञासा वालों
गान्धीको समावय यात्राको भेटिया,
पदार्थाक अधिकारी, रुपेड विकास
अधिकारीहर र विधिव विधानका
अधिकारीहर उपरिवे दिए।

पर्यटकहरूको ल शुरू हुनेछ

अलिपुरदार, १६ दिसम्बर
(हि. स.)। नववर्षको स्वागत
उत्सवपूर्व पर्वटकहरुको लागि
खुशिको खबर आएको छ। यसले
बस्ता से त्रैको पर्वट देव
व्यवसायीहरुमा पनि खुशी खाली
भएको छ। बालाका टाइगर रिसैर्वेको
जंतल सफाई सेवामा तीन बटा
नयाँ बाहनहलाई जोडिएछ। यी
तीन बटा बाहान यानाभानाडायामा
तीनाहर रहेको भने २५ दिसम्बरपूर्व

बक्सा टाइगर रिजर्वमा जंगल
मालामी माला माला तालामी ।

इताकाति तथा स्थलात रक्षा
स्थलात विकास तथा पाणीहूँ भेद्या
मेला वानांकी यात्रा विकेन्द्रीयात
सामाधान प्रकाशित नंगे प्रयाप्तिसंकलन
पाणीहूँ इताकाति लागि प्रविधि
आपाति सामाधानाय घान केंद्रात
गरिशक्ति दियो या सामाधानाची
तात्पत्ति स्वाक्षर्यातील शास्त्ररूपात
लागि स्वाक्षर्यातील शास्त्ररूपात
सांस्कृतिकहक्का साथी समस्ता, नागिक
समाधा, निजी खेळाती अनि विवाह
सांस्कृतिकहक्का सांस्कृतिकहक्का
पाणीहूँ दिलाकाति विद्युत दुनीती
असुर द्वालिकाति प्रभावी अनि
बहीती कोहेर प्रवद्यन सामाधानातूँ
गति प्रदावा गरीवातील भगवान
पाणीहूँ वैदिक वदनात जा; यस
सामाधान विद्युत दुनीती
सामाधान विद्युत दुनीती
पर्वतीने समाधा आपाति फोटो
प्रवद्यन, विनिरुद्ध नव्यता एवं
संस्कृत व्याख्याना अंत करवाया
वैदिक नमूना अनि वाचाका प्रदर्शित
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Knowledgeable products launched to improve cleanliness in Himalayan and mountainous cities

हिमालय और पर्वतीय शहरों में स्वच्छता को बेहतर करने के लिए ज्ञानवर्धक उत्पाद शुभारंभ किए गए

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 (एमओएचयू) द्वारा किया गया। इसमें हिमालयी पर्वतीय शहरों में दृश्यमान और स्थायी स्वच्छता प्राप्त करने के लिए एक केंद्रित, रणनीतिक और परियाम-उम्मुख रूपरेखा (रोडमैप) विकासित 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 संस्थानित विवार-विमर्श और सामूहिक विनंत को बढ़ावा देकर, प्रभावी और अनुकूलित समाधान विकासित करने के लिए जा रहे हैं। स्वच्छ भारत मिशन-शहरी परिकल्पना के अंतर्गत कवरा 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 एवं शहरी कार्य मंत्रालय (एमओएचयू) के सचिव श्री एस. कर्मिकिथल की अध्यक्षता में शुरू की गई इस पहल में पूर्वतर और हिमालयी पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों के 13 शहरों के शहरी विशेषज्ञ, तकनीकी एजेंसियां, निजी भागीदार, प्रौद्योगिकी समाधान प्रदाता और विद्यु प्रतिनिधि शामिल हुए हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त, पर्श्म बंगल के प्रमुख पर्वतीय और तलहटी शहर - दाजिलग, कुर्सियोंग, कलियोग, 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 प्रौद्योगिकीयों 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 अंतर्गत बनाने के उद्देश्य से, यह पहल सहयोग को मजबूत करगी, ज्ञान साझा करगी और स्वच्छ एवं लंबी वैराग्यी पर्वतीय शहरों को बहुपक्षीय प्रशासन के प्रेरक सामुदायिक नेता; टॉप ऑफ कॉर्म और प्रभाव धैरा करने वाले कई अन्य भागीदार शामिल हैं। ये सभी हितधारक मिलकर एक समग्र सामाजिक दृष्टिकोण को दर्शाते हैं - जिसमें नीतिगत नेतृत्व, तकनीकी विशेषज्ञता, नवाचार, वित्तीय और सामुदायिक भागीदारी का मिश्रण होता है - ताकि स्वच्छ और अधिक लंबी वैराग्यी हिमालयी पर्वतीय शहरों के लिए सहयोगात्मक, विस्तार योग्य और संदर्भ-विशेष समाधान सक्षम हो सके। भारत के पर्वतीय और हिमालयी राज्य - जिनमें जम्मू-कश्मीर, लद्दाख, हिमाचल प्रदेश, उत्तराखण्ड, रिक्षिम, असम, अरुणाचल प्रदेश, मेघालय, मणिपुर, मिजोरम, नागालैंड, त्रिपुरा और पैस्तम बंगल के कुछ शहर शामिल हैं - कमज़ोर इको-सिस्टम, खड़ी और असिर भूमण, बिखुरी हुई बसितियों और चरम जलवायी चुनौतियों के कारण विशेष शहरी परिस्थितियों का सम्मान करते हैं। स्वच्छ भारत मिशन-शहरी के अंतर्गत

उल्लेखनीय प्रगति हासिल की गई है, फिर भी सरकारी संसद और भौगोलिक बाधाएं सतत और लंबी लोस अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन और स्वच्छता परिणामों में रुकावट आली होती है। विशिष्ट जानकारीपूर्ण विवार-विमर्श समाजों में निमलिखित बातों पर प्रकाश डाला गया सिद्ध, व्यावहारिक, संभव हिमालयी शहरों के लिए कारगर उपाय सामुदायिक नेतृत्व वाले अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन, विकेंद्रीकृत स्वच्छता प्रणालियों और संसाधन पुर्याप्ति पहलों में प्रतिरूपणीय मॉडल और नवाचारों का प्रदर्शन। परिवर्तन के प्रेरक हिमालयी पर्वतीय शहरों के प्रेरक सामुदायिक नेता जिहोने स्वच्छता और अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन में परिवर्तन लाने की अपनी यात्रा साझा की जिसमें पर्वतीय सफाई रणनीतियों, मार्दारों और धार्मिक स्थलों का ल्यास्टिक मुक्त बनाने आदि जैसे प्रयासों पर प्रकाश डाला गया।

पर्वतीय शहरों के लिए प्रौद्योगिकी-यह सत्र पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों के लिए प्रौद्योगिकी-आवारित समाधानों पर केंद्रित है, जिसमें एकीकृत अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन के साथ-साथ उपचारित सोबैज स्लज के निपटन का बढ़ावा देने, उंडे क्षेत्रों के लिए ऑसार्ट स्वच्छता विकल्पों और प्राहारी क्षेत्रों में प्रयुक्त सल 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, नगरिक समाज, निजी क्षेत्र के लोग और विकास भागीदारों के बीच साझेदारी और अंतर-क्षेत्रीय सहयोग किस प्रकार पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों की अनूठी चुनौतियों के अनुरूप प्रभावी और सतत अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन समाधानों को गति प्रदान कर सकते हैं। वैशिष्ट प्रणालियों से प्राप्त अंतर्दृष्टि-यह सत्र सामुदायिक नेतृत्व वाले क्षेत्रों की पहचान करने में सक्षम बनाएगी, विशेष रूप से उन क्षेत्रों में जहां तीर्थयात्रा मार्ग, मौसमी पर्यटन स्थलों आदि के कारण भारी भैंडभाइ रहती है। कार्यशाला के बाद, प्रतिवर्षीय सत्र-केंद्र शासित प्रदेश प्राथमिकता वाले क्षेत्रों की पहचान करने, अवश्यकताओं का मूल्यांकन करने और मंत्रालय को प्रस्तुत करने के लिए व्यापक योजनाएं तैयार करने हेतु विस्तृत आकलन करें। इन उपायों को वर्ष 2026 की शुरुआत में लागू करने का प्रस्ताव है, जिसका उद्देश्य हिमालयी पर्वतीय शहरों में ठोस 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, par-

ticipants 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.



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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.

The initiative has been introduced in Sohra (Cherra-

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.

"The success of the SHG is closely linked to consistent training and technical support from the urban affa-

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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.



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Meghalaya Launches Green Deposit Scheme

Sdang ka Meghalaya ia ka skhim Green Deposit ban

bha ha ka kam jngohkai pyrthei bad ka jngbret pathar ia ki plastic kiba ktah ia ki khlaw ki btap, ki wah bad ki jingdon jngem 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 jngbret jaboh bad ban kyntiew ia ka kolshor "bym ieh ia kano kano ka dak" hapdeng ki nongwan jngohkai.

Ka Skhim Green Deposit ka dei ka bynta jong ki jingpynkylla ba kham jylliew jong ka Meghalaya ha ka rukom iada na ki jaboh, kiba kynthup ia ki rukom pynkhuid ba la ialam da ki shnong ki thaw, ka jingkyntiew ia ka jingpyniakhlad ia ki jaboh, bad ka jingpyntreikam kaba kham pyrkhang ia ki kyndon ba iadei bad ki plastic. Ka iahap ruh bad ki jingbthah jong ka Meghalaya High Court halor ka jingpyntreikam pyrkhang ia ki

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 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 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 kiba iadei bad ki jaboh jabaiñ da kaba pyndonkam da ka jingstad science, ka jingpynduna ia ki jaboh plastic, 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.



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

Sdang ka Meghalaya ia ka skhim Green Deposit ban ialeh pyrshah ia ki jaboh plastic 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 plastic ha ki jaka jngohkai pyrthei kiba bun ki brie, kaba pynskhem ia ka jingialeh jong ka Jylla na ka bynta ka kam jngohkai pyrthei kaba neh bad ka jingiada na ki jaboh jabaiñ kaba kham khlaiñ.

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

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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.

This group of women waste pickers has transformed into a successful organization, running a Waste Recovery Centre and producing certified compost using traditional techniques.

The Merry Maidens' journey began at the Marten landfill, where they faced numerous challenges and stigma. However, with consistent training and technical support from the Urban Affairs Department, they have turned their lives around. Today, they are not only managing waste effectively but also promoting responsible segregation practices in surrounding communities.

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

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Staff Reporter

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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 directions of the Meghalaya High Court on the strict enforcement of 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.

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Women pioneers turn waste into resource

Staff Reporter

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

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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.

Their work is reducing landfill load, improving soil health, and promoting responsible waste segregation in surrounding communities.

Beyond environmental benefits, the group has strengthened the local green economy, demonstrating the socio-economic potential of community-driven **(Contd on P-7)**



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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 jika 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 jika 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 pynkhain ia ka ioh ka kot ba khuid ha ka thain, kaba pyni ia ka bor ha ka imlang sahlang 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 pynkhain ia ki rukom pynbeit ia kjaboh, 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 jingpynkhain 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 jika 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

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Is 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 kthah ia ki khlaw ki bret, ki wah bad ki jingdon jingem ka mariang kiba lah ban wanrah ka jingma.

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

biang ba T100 kaba la pynphai biang ynda la bret ne pynphai biang ia ki jaboh plastik ha ki jaka ha la buh kyrpang shuwa ban mih na kine ki jaka jngohkai. Kame ka sienjam ka thmu ban tehlakam ia ka jingbret jaboh bad ban kyntiew ia ka kolshor 'bym ieh ia kano kano ka dak" hapdeng ki nongwan jngohkai.

Ka Skhim Green

Deposit ka dei ka bynta ki jingpynkylla ha kham jylliew jong ka Meghalaya ha ka rukom iada na ki jaboh, kynthup ia ki rukom pynkhuid ba la jalam da ki shnong ki thaw, ka jingkyntiew ia ka jingpyniakhlad ia ki jaboh, bad ka jingpynreikam ba kham pyrkling ia ki kyndom ba ia dei bad ki plastik. Ka iahap ruh bad ki jingbthah ka

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

Ki heh sorkar ki la ong, kane ka sienjam ka pyniasoh lang ia ka jingpynreikam bad ka jingai jinghikai, ha kaba ki nongshong shinong bad kito kiba don bynta ha ka kam jngohkai pyrthei ki

don ka hynta ba kongsan ha kaba pynreikam, ban pynthikna ia ka jinglada ia ka mariang katha ki kyrshan ia ka jingkiew ka kam jngohkai pyrthei kaba don jingkitklih.

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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 Vandana 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 Swacch 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 kutcha 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 piles up and waste management becomes increasingly difficult, the ecologically fragile town has been forced to rethink how to tackle it sustainably through solar-powered waste processing, groundwater protection, and landfill remediation.

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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 post-processors supports the plant's operations, making the model financially viable. 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 remote and arid regions. This project not only minimizes landfill accumulation but also lowers carbon emissions, supports long-term environmental sustainability, and ensures that waste management is in pace with growing urban and tourist pressures, providing a cleaner and healthier environment for residents and visitors alike.

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Siliguri included in Nat'l Urban River Management Plan

SANCHITA AICH BAG

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.



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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, Pfulsero, 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.



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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.



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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.

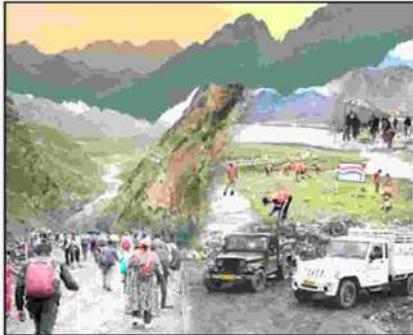
More than one million plastic items were avoided, and the festival is estimated to have prevented nearly 50 metric tons of CO₂ emissions. To support the initiative, organisers installed

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



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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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**Guardians of the Sacred
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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.

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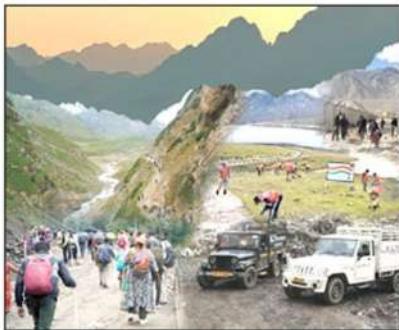
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even relocated a commercial complex away from a sensitive wetland zone.

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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Uttarakhand's Ten Urban Local Bodies Shine in Cleanliness

स्वच्छता में चमके उत्तराखण्ड के दस नगर निकाय

राज्य ल्यूरो ● जागरण, देहरादून: उत्तराखण्ड 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-मीथनेशन प्लांट से गीले कचरे को ऊर्जा

- आवासीय और शहरी कार्य मंत्रालय ने पुस्तिका जारी कर निकायों के स्वच्छता के क्षेत्र के किए गए कार्य किए सार्वजनिक

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 सक्सेस स्टोरी प्रकाशित है, यह गुरुकुल 100 से अधिक स्कूलों में 40,000 से ज्यादा छात्रों को कचरा प्रबंधन, रिसाइकिलिंग 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। बायोश्वर 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 बोतलें 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

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 भिसाल है इस्केम स्वर्य सहायता समूह (एसएचबी), जिसे 'माटेन की मेरी मेंडेस' के नाम से जाना जाता है। यह समूह मेघालय में कचरा

बीनने वालों से एक सफल द्यम में बदल गया है।

नवंबर 2014 में बना 'मेरी मेंडेस' 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 आर्जीविका और पर्यावरणीय स्वास्थ्य को बढ़ावा मिलता है। इस्केम एसएचबी अब पारपारिक और स्वदेशी तकनीकों के इस्तेमाल से प्रमाणित खाद बनाता है, जिससे जैविक कचरा, एक मूल्यवान सप्ताहन में बदल जाता है।

एक आधिकारिक बयान में रविवार

को कहा गया, 'इस्केम एसएचबी की सफलता शहरी मामलों के विभाग से लगातार प्रशिक्षण और तकनीकी सहायता से जुड़ी हुई है। क्षमता निर्माण और स्थानात् समर्थन के माध्यम से, इन महिलाओं ने एक चुनौतीपूर्ण और अक्सर कलंकित माने जाने वाले पेशे को एक संरचित, गरिमापूर्ण और टिकाऊ आर्जीविका 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 पूर्शकरण को बढ़ावा दे रहा है। पर्यावरण लाभों से

परे, 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 मेंडेस' अब उन गांवों और कस्बों की कॉलोनियों के लिए एक अनुकूलनीय मॉडल बन गई हैं जहां विकेंट्रीकृत 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 जमानी प्रयास, मेघालय में समावेशी और टिकाऊ विकास को अग्रे बढ़ाते हुए अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन चुनौतियों के लिए जा रही हैं।

आवास और शहरी मामलों के केंद्रीय मंत्रालय और विधिन राज्य सरकारों के प्रयासों से अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन में एक परिवर्तनकारी बदलाव देख रहा है, जिसमें सोत पर कचरा अलग करने, प्लास्टिक में कमी लाने, विकेंट्रीकृत खाद और समुदायिक भागीदारी पर व्यापक 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 cleanliness Ø=Ü10 urban local bodies of Uttarakhand performed remarkably in the field of cleanliness Ø=<ß?&{þ #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
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	#Sikar : Municipality Celebrates Cleanliness Festival	zeerajasthan_			
7	<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 Chandelia, 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>		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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11	#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	DDNewslive	13/12/2025	14:22	Link
12	#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	DDNewslive	13/12/2025	14:42	Link

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	#Jaipur: New Rise - New Identity, Growing Rajasthan - Our Rajasthan	1stIndiaNews			
13	A cleanliness awareness and Shramdaan program is being organized across the state today, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma at Jal Mahal ki Paal...		14/12/2025	03:22	Link
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14	Cleanliness awareness and Shramdaan program in the state	1stIndiaNews			
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15	State level cleanliness awareness and Shramdaan program in Jaipur	DDNewsRajasthan			
	CM participated and gave the message of Clean Rajasthan.		14/12/2025	06:21	Link
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17	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.		13/12/2025	08:35	Link
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18	Meghalaya's Merry Maidens Are Redefining India's Waste Management StoryRead more on: https://t.co/v5YfQHRm8y@MoHUA_India	PIBShillong	15/12/2025	06:23	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 @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	<p>Waste Management Innovations in Himalayan States</p> <p>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</p>	PIB_India	16/12/2025	05:38	Link
25	<p>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</p>	PIBKohima	16/12/2025	05:33	Link
26	<p>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.</p>	PIBKohima	16/12/2025	05:31	Link
27	<p>SWACHHATA IN UTTARAKHAND Legacy Waste Remediation Door-to-Door Collection Solid Waste Processing https://t.co/FWal8bzOwo</p>	PIBDehradun	16/12/2025	04:34	Link



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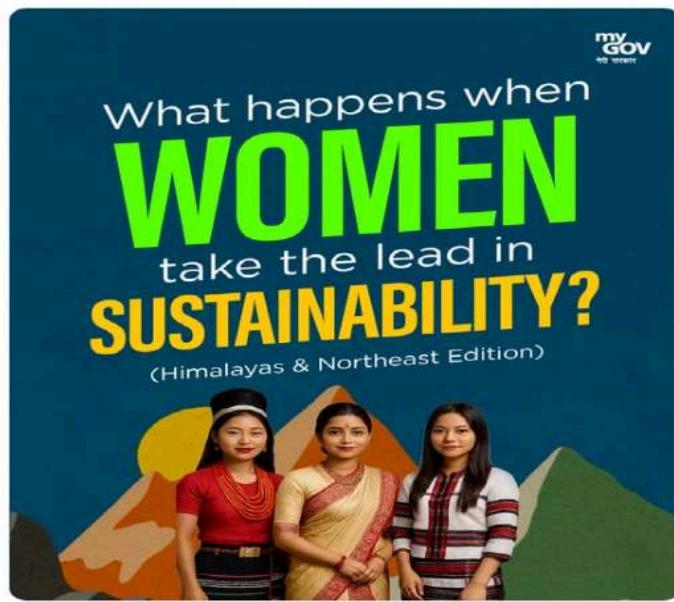
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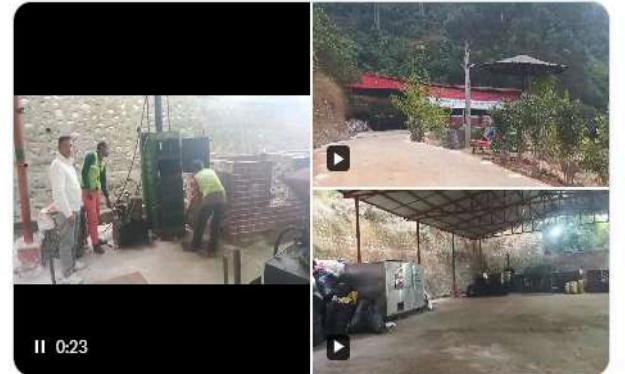
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From River Cleanup to Waste-to-Wealth

Impact: Cleaner rivers, reduced plastic waste, and shared environmental responsibility

- Eco Network Manipur introduced a door-to-door waste collection system operated by youth volunteers and Self-Help Groups (SHGs)
- Households were trained to segregate waste before disposal, while volunteers further sorted recyclables and organic waste at collection points
- A central component of the initiative is the Waste-to-Wealth model, under which recovered materials are sent to compression centres
- This creates a steady income stream for volunteers, SHG members, and the organisation, empowering local women and youth

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Where Waste Finds Purpose: Lessons from #Northeast India

→ North Lakhimpur in #Assam has become a standout example of scientific waste management under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, turning decades of environmental neglect into a model of urban renewal

→ 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

→ The idea is simple but powerful: residents, shop owners, institutions, NGOs, youth groups, and community bodies "adopt" public dustbins placed across the city, taking responsibility for keeping the bins and their surroundings clean until municipal teams collect the waste

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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

SABB drive

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 Saai Apnau Bimauri Bhagao (SABB) campaign.

In its report, the ministry highlighted the 26th edition of the 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

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 balanced celebration and environmentalism.

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valuable resource. The success of the SHG is to capacity-building and institution of the women have transformed and often stigmatised occupied, dignified and sustainable.

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From Roing's community-driven waste management in #ArunachalPradesh, to #Tripura's efforts safeguarding water bodies, and #Nagaland's zero-plastic #HornbillFestival, these initiatives show how local action and innovation are making a waste-free living possible! #CleanHillCities

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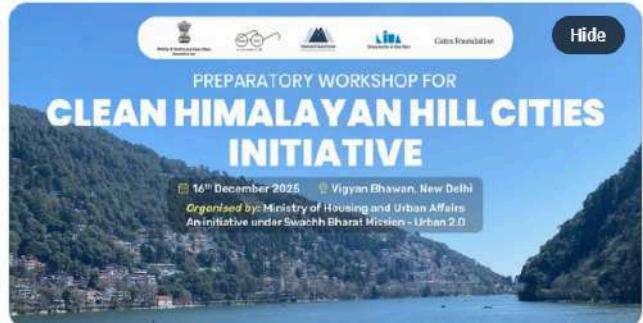
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MoHUA is all set to host the Preparatory Workshop on the Clean Himalayan Hill Cities Initiative, chaired by Secretary, MoHUA Sh. S. A. Katikithala.

Himalayan Hill States come together to shape smarter interventions in waste management. #CleanHillCities



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Setting the tone for the Preparatory Workshop on the Clean Himalayan Hill Cities Initiative, Shri S. Srinivas Katikithala, Secretary, MoHUA, focused on the challenges of these difficult terrains, ecologically sensitive hill cities and how urbanization is impacting them.



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Emphasizing on how tourism in these hill cities, Secretary MoHUA, said, "Tourism is an economic engine, but it also brings a multiplier effect on waste, water, and sewage loads. Localization is an ideal solution to these tough challenges."



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Highlighting the Initiative, the MoHUA, Secretary said the workshop enables Himalayan States to learn, identify gaps, co-create solutions and align with national missions. He reiterated "Attaining Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata is the larger vision of behaviour change."



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Secretary, MoHUA Sh. S. Katikithala launched Key Knowledge Products including Mountains of Change compendium, Advisory on Onsite Sanitation for Colder Regions and Advisory on Promoting Offtake of Treated Sewage Sludge at the event. #CleanHillCities #SwachhataInHills



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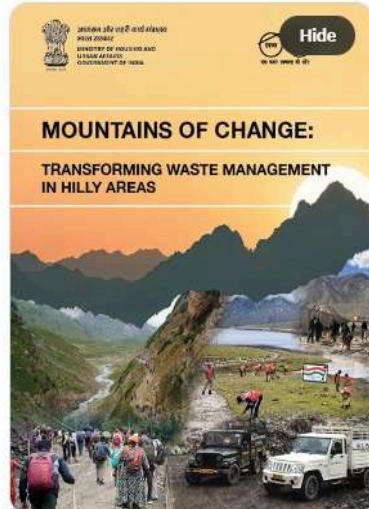
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Mountains of Change is a curated compendium showcasing innovative waste management practices from 13 Himalayan Hill States, highlighting how hill cities address solid waste and sanitation challenges in fragile, high-footfall and terrain-constrained regions.



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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 infographic is titled "From Waste to Wealth: Sivasagar's Community Composting Model". It features a central image of a community composting facility with a sign that says "Centralized Composting". To the left, a group of people are shown collecting waste from households, with the text "Door-to-Door Waste Collection: SHG members collect and segregate waste from approximately 1,000 households". To the right, a close-up shows the "High-Quality Vermicompost Production: Turn kitchen waste and other organic material into nutrient-rich compost for sale". Below these, a section titled "The Impact: Economic & Environmental Wins" highlights "Annual Revenue" of 9,000,000 (₹ 9,00,000), "Key Environmental Benefits" (reducing waste, conserving water, and improving soil and health), and "Women's Empowerment" (providing an income source for women). The infographic is branded with the Assam state logo and the CBC Bhopal handle.

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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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