

Is It Time to Declare a Cleanliness Emergency in India?



Mahatma Gandhi envisioned a "Clean India," urging every citizen to work toward a hygienic and sustainable environment. To realize this vision, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on October 2, 2014, calling for nationwide participation. The mission aimed to achieve a clean India by 2019, commemorating Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary as a landmark

achievement. However, beyond cleaning public spaces, the initiative sought to instill habits of sanitation, waste management, and environmental responsibility among citizens.

A clean India is crucial not only for public health but also for tourism and economic growth. Unhygienic surroundings often tarnish the country's global image, deterring visitors and investors. While cities like Indore, Surat, and Durgapur

have made commendable progress under the Swachh Bharat Mission, many urban and rural areas, including the capital New Delhi, continue to struggle with waste management. Despite substantial government investment in sanitation workers, sewage systems, and cleaning equipment, open drains, polluted rivers, and unplanned urbanization persist, undermining the campaign's impact.

Experts believe that a lack

of sustained commitment at various levels has hindered the mission's success. The envisioned mass movement has not fully materialized due to inadequate cooperation between officials, sanitation workers, and the public. Without strong political and administrative will, the campaign risks stagnation.

Some advocates now argue that India must declare a "cleanliness emergency." They propose stringent penalties,

a Cleanliness Cess, and even extreme measures like capital punishment for habitual polluters—citing the devastating impact of poor sanitation on public health. Diseases such as typhoid, malaria, dengue, and diarrhea, caused by unhygienic conditions, claim countless lives each year. If laws exist to punish homicide, should those responsible for public health hazards remain unaccountable?

Beyond health risks, poor sanitation also strains the economy. The government spends billions on healthcare schemes like Ayushman Bharat Yojana, which provides ₹5 lakh in medical coverage per family. A cleaner India could significantly reduce such expenditures, allowing resources to be redirected toward development and welfare initiatives.

Sanitation also presents untapped employment opportunities. Waste is no longer

mere garbage—it is being converted into energy and organic fertilizers. Organized waste segregation could provide jobs for ragpickers and the homeless, while systematic night-sweeping could even help reduce urban crime.

India aspires to transform New Delhi into a world-class capital, but this goal remains elusive without prioritizing sanitation. The key to success lies in enforcement and accountability. The 2025 Maha Kumbh

in Prayagraj offers an inspiring example—despite nearly 700 million devotees gathering, the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati rivers remained clean, demonstrating the power of determined political and administrative efforts.

The critical question remains: Will the Indian government take bold steps to make Swachh Bharat a reality? Or will a cleanliness emergency be the only way forward?

- Gopendra Nath Bhatt

Exhibition of High-Breed Calves Organized Under Hindustan Zinc's Samadhan Project

Udaipur: To enhance farmers' annual income through livestock development, Hindustan Zinc, in collaboration with BAI, organized a rally and exhibition of high-breed calves under the Samadhan Project in Malkhed. The event was graced by Balwant Singh Rathore, IBU CEO of Rajpura Dariba Complex. At this advanced breed calf exhibition, Dr. Nanal Regar, Nodal Officer of the Animal Husbandry Department, and Laxmilal Regar, LEO of the Animal Husbandry Department, provided valuable insights to livestock owners on various schemes and activities related to advanced cattle rearing. They shared crucial information on deworming, vaccination, timely insemination, proper maintenance, nutrition, disease prevention, and overall animal health care.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 40 livestock owners, including a notable presence of women farmers. A key highlight of the rally was the evaluation of 20 high-quality calves born through artificial insemination of premium breeds such as Gir, Sahiwal, Holstein Friesian, and Murrah buffaloes. The top three calves were awarded based on growth, health, and overall quality, and all livestock owners were recognized with prizes. Hindustan Zinc has been actively promoting genetic improvement of calves through artificial insemination in the villages surrounding the Rajpura Dariba region. Farmers have benefited from high-quality breeds like Gir, Murrah, Jersey, Holstein, and superior goat breeds. The initiative also includes artificial insemination, animal health camps, deworming, vaccination, training sessions, green fodder distribution, and mineral mixture support. Farmers shared their experiences with the Samadhan Project, highlighting the improvement in livestock quality through artificial insemination. They emphasized the increase in milk production, which has positively impacted their income and contributed to the national agenda of doubling farmers' income. For the past ten years, the Samadhan Project has been empowering farmers across 36 villages in Railmagra Block, supporting agricultural and livestock development. Under this initiative, 8,491 artificial inseminations (AI) have been conducted, resulting in 2,516 animal births. In the last three years, the project has also promoted a Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) with 1,800 stakeholders, further strengthening the rural economy.



PIMS Mewar Cup Season 3: Delhi Challengers Triumph

Udaipur: Delhi Challengers clinched the PIMS Mewar Cup Season 3 title, defeating Liberty by 20 runs in an electrifying final at Madan Paliwal Miraj Cricket Stadium. Batting first, Delhi Challengers posted 199/8, with Zubair Ali Khan (66 off 26) and Kamran Irfan (62 off 40) shining. Liberty managed 179/8, despite efforts from Hrithik Shokeen (53) and Sairaj Patil (32). Zubair, with eight sixes, earned Man of the Match. The trophy and ₹5 lakh prize were presented by Miraj Group Vice Chairman Mantraj Paliwal. The tournament featured eight teams, thrilling cricket fans with daily lucky draws and exciting performances.

Maharana Bhupal Singh's Legacy Honored on 141st Birth Anniversary

Udaipur: On the 141st birth anniversary of Maharana Bhupal Singh of Mewar, a seminar and floral tribute ceremony was organized at the Secretariat Hall of Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) on Monday. Chancellor Bhawaraj Gurjar, Vice-Chancellor Colonel Prof. S.S. Sarangdevot, Registrar Dr. Tarun Shirmali, and other dignitaries paid their respects by offering floral tributes.

Chancellor Bhawaraj Gurjar emphasized that Maharana Bhupal Singh was a key supporter of princely integration and played a vital role in India's unification. His contributions to women's education and social welfare remain unparalleled. He welcomed all seeking refuge in Mewar and worked tirelessly to uplift every section of society. Gurjar also highlighted that under the inspiration of Janubhai Maharana, higher education in Banaras was prioritized, and the Vidyapeeth was founded in 1937 to empower the underprivileged. Today, it stands as a pillar of inclusive education. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sarangdevot acknowledged Maharana Bhupal Singh's vision, noting his donations of land and buildings for institutions like Maharana Bhupal Hospital and Fateh Memorial. The event saw the participation of faculty and scholars who paid homage to his enduring legacy.

Sangam University Celebrates Science Day, ITBI Inaugurated



(Registrar), Prof. Dr. Rakesh Bhandari (Dean of Research), and Prof. Dr. Vineesh Agarwal (Director of Student Affairs). Prof. Preeti Mehta stressed the significance of scientific research, while Prof. Dr. Karunesh Saxena encouraged students to excel in science and innovation.

A major highlight was the inauguration of the Sangam Inclusive Technology Business Incubator (ITBI) by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of Science and Technology, during a national-level event in Delhi. The event saw the presence of Prof. Abhay Karandikar (DST Secretary), Praveen Roy, and Dr. C.S. Yadav.

Students actively participated in poster presentations, scientific model displays, and quiz competitions, showcasing their scientific acumen. The event reflected Sangam University's commitment to fostering innovation and global scientific leadership.

Bhilwara: National Science Day 2025 was celebrated with enthusiasm at Sangam University, highlighting the theme "Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership: Towards a Developed India in Science and Innovation." The event featured various scientific activities and competitions, emphasizing research, innovation, and student participation.

The celebrations commenced with the lighting of the lamp and floral tributes to C.V. Raman, led by Prof. Dr. Rajeev Mehta (Registrar), Prof. Dr. Rakesh Bhandari (Dean of Research), and Prof. Dr. Vineesh Agarwal (Director of Student Affairs). The grand ceremony was graced by Wing Commander Nataraj Daggar of the Indian Air Force Udaipur, Bollywood Music Director and Singer Ekarth Purohit, Additional District Education Officer (Secondary) Lalit Dak, and renowned artist, writer, cultural activist, and educator Dr. Srinivasan Iyer. Following the Ryan tradition, they were welcomed with potted plants and creatively painted artworks made by Ryanites.

Under the vision of Dr. A.F. Pinto, Chairman of the Ryan Group, the program commenced with divine prayers, hymns, and sacred verses from the Bible, emphasizing the significance of art and culture. The young students captivated the audience with a series of mesmerizing performances, including welcome speeches in multiple languages, thematic dance presentations, musical skits, and diverse performances like Shivaji, Robot, Chess, Sports, South Indian, Sufi, Graduation, Punjabi, and patriotic acts, earning resounding applause.

Montessori students, dressed in graduation hats and gowns, proudly received the "Scroll of Merit". Students who excelled in academics, sports, music, dance, and public speaking were honored with certificates of excellence by the esteemed guests. Additionally, the most talented students were conferred with the prestigious Ryan Prince and Princess titles. The dignitaries appreciated the school's efforts in holistic personality development and encouraged the young learners with their motivational words. The students expressed their gratitude to the guests in multiple languages.

The event concluded successfully with a heartfelt vote of thanks by the Principal, followed by the school anthem and the National Anthem.

Principal Sanjay Narwaria, and Vice Principal Rajesh Dhabhai congratulated the student and his parents.

National Science Day Celebrated at SLP Gwalior College

Gwalior: National Science Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at SLP Gwalior College, featuring an insightful discussion on science and innovation. Prof. Amarika Singh, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Vikrant University, graced the occasion as the chief guest, while Principal Shatrughan Singh Tomar presided over the program.

In his inspiring address, Prof. Amarika Singh emphasized the significance of National Science Day, commemorated in honor of Dr. C.V. Raman's groundbreaking discovery, the Raman Effect. He highlighted the role of scientific advancements in societal development and encouraged students to embrace research and innovation.

Principal Tomar praised Prof. Singh's scholarly contributions, acknowledging his impact on India's knowledge tradition. The event saw the participation of eminent academicians, including Prof. B.B. Gupta, Shri Prahlad Singh Ghoriya, and Dr. Sanjeev, among others.

Students showcased their scientific creativity through exhibitions, poster presentations, and competitions. The event successfully fostered scientific awareness and innovation, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees.

'Roots to Grow, Wings to Fly'@ RAYAN

Udaipur: Ryan International School, Udaipur, successfully hosted its Annual Fest

Conclusion of Home Science Alumni Meet

Udaipur: On the second day of the Alumni Meet organized by the College of Community and Applied Sciences at Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, a session was held with alumnae working in top positions in both government and non-government organizations.

The second day of the Home Science Alumni Association's meeting was presided over by Dr. Suman Singh, during which the future activities of the association were discussed. Feedback was gathered from everyone regarding this year's alumni meet, and several entertaining activities such as ramp walks and games were organized. On this occasion, former Miss Home Science students presented captivating performances, including dance and singing. Additionally, alumna Uma Joshi donated her written book, "Panchatantra Katha: SantriNamak Coffee Table Book", to the library.

A general assembly meeting of the Home Science Alumni Association was also held, where the upcoming activities of the organization were planned. Feedback was taken about the current year's meet, and various fun activities like ramp walks, games, and a lucky draw were conducted. Former Miss Home Science students presented engaging performances such as dance and singing. Alumna Dr. Uma Joshi also donated her book "Panchatantra Katha: Manjari", a coffee table book, to the library.

Dr. Sanjay Kumar Jain from the USA Inspires

Udaipur: Dr. Sanjay Kumar Jain, Chief Quality Officer at Emill Pharma, USA, and an



alumnus of BN Pharmacy (Batch 1994), delivered an insightful lecture at BN Pharmacy College on career growth and motivation.

Addressing B.Pharm and Doctor of Pharmacy students, Dr. Jain shared his expertise in global quality operations, regulatory affairs, and pharma production. He emphasized the significance of quality compliance, operational excellence, and real-world industry challenges. Encouraging students to stay focused and work hard, he highlighted the importance of practical knowledge alongside academics.

The session was conducted by Dr. Kamal Singh Rathod, with faculty members including Dr. M.S. Ranawat, Dr. Siddhraj Singh Sisodia, Dr. Anju Goyal, Dr. Jai Singh Waghela, and others in attendance.

Chaitanya Achieves Top Rank

Udaipur: Chaitanya Yogesh Gawali, a talented Class 9 student of Delhi Public School, Udaipur, has made the school proud by securing the top rank in Rajasthan in the National Standard Examination in Junior Science-2024, organized by the Indian Association of Physics Teachers. Principal Sanjay Narwaria stated that a total of 2,718 students from Rajasthan participated in the exam, out of which only one percent achieved top ranks. Among them, Chaitanya secured the highest position, proving his excellence. Additionally, he also earned a significant position in the Inspire Award at the district level. On this remarkable achievement, Pro Vice Chairman Govind Agarwal,