



Urban Waste Disposal and its Impact on City Dwellers: A Case Study of Patna

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Abstract : Around most towns and cities in India, the roads are littered with multi-colored plastic bags and other garbage which are bio-degradable and non-bio degradable. The stench and ugly sight of garbage dumped on the roadside, sometimes overflowing from the drains or floating on the surface of open drains is not uncommon in most of the Indian towns and cities. The urban wastes collected from households, hospitals, industries, animal wastes etc. are not disposed off regularly.

This mismanaged disposal of urban wastes threatens the health and hygiene of the city dwellers.

Urban waste disposal has become one of the major problems in almost all the urban centres in India, more so in towns which have poor drainage and sewage facilities. Patna is no exception to this problem. Garbage scattered all over the town, denotes the low quality of management of its urban environment, government apathy and low community participation in keeping the environment clean and hygienic. It is to be noted that there is not a place even a kilometre's distance in Patna where there is no garbage found either on the sides of the roads, or in front of commercial complexes. Wastes are found everywhere in its various forms.

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