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AWARDS & CONCLAVE SPECIAL

10th Edition ISC-FICCI SANITATION AWARDS CEREMONY & INDIA SANITATION CONCLAVE

10th ISC-FICCI Sanitation Awards Ceremony and India Sanitation Conclave 2026
Impact of Water and Solid Waste Management on Climate Change

The 10th edition of the ISC-FICCI Sanitation Awards recognised excellence and impact across 12 categories, celebrating organisations and initiatives advancing water, sanitation and solid waste management.

The awards were supported by valued partners, Nayara Energy, ITC, Dettol Banega Swasth India and GMR Varalakshmi Foundation (GMRVF) whose continued commitment contributes to advancing sustainable WASH solutions across India.

The inaugural **Rashid Kidwai WASH Finance Awards (RKWFA)** recognised contributions across three award categories, highlighting the role of innovative financing in strengthening WASH solutions and enabling them to scale. A Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Water.org, honouring an exceptional contribution to the sector.

LAUNCH OF KEY PUBLICATIONS

ISC-FICCI
SANITATION AWARDS
2026
ACCOLADE
First Edition of Excellence
Rashid Kidwai Wash Finance Awards 2026

The conclave marked two significant milestones with the launch of the commemorative accolade for the 10th ISC-FICCI Sanitation Awards, celebrating a decade of recognising excellence across the WASH ecosystem, and the inaugural Rashid Kidwai WASH Finance Awards accolade, recognising the role of purposeful finance in advancing sustainable WASH outcomes

NAINA LAL KIDWAI
JYOTI VIJ
NATASHA PATEL
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The conclave also marked the launch of the compendium, 'Reimagining Solid Waste and Water Management for Climate Action: Pathways, Partnerships and Innovations', bringing together insights, approaches and innovations that explore how water and waste management can become integral to India's climate action agenda.

The conclave featured addresses by Shri C. R. Patil, Union Minister of Jal Shakti; Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC; Ms. Jyoti Vij, Director General, FICCI; and Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, former Director General of CSIR and Chair of the Awards Jury, who joined virtually. The speakers highlighted innovation, sustainable financing, public-private partnerships, and scalable WASH solutions.

15-16 September 2026 | FICCI, New Delhi
AWARD PARTNERS
NAYARA ENERGY

The conclave recognised the Swachhata Saathis of the Lighthouse Initiative Phase II for their contribution to community-led sanitation action. Their recognition highlighted the critical role of local champions in strengthening participation, ownership and the sustainability of WASH outcomes on the ground.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

10th ISC-FICCI Sanitation Awards Ceremony and India Sanitation Conclave 2026
Impact of Water and Solid Waste Management on Climate Change

10th ISC-FICCI Sanitation Awards Ceremony
KAVERI DHAVAN

'Unlocking WASH Impact through Partnerships', moderated by Mr. Prabhakar Lingareddy, Executive Vice President & Head – Social Investments, ITC Limited brought together stakeholders from government, industry and the development ecosystem and explored the next frontier of WASH, service reliability, community ownership, source sustainability, digital governance and integrated water and sanitation systems.

'Philanthropy and the Future of the WASH Sector', moderated by Ms. Kaveri Dhavan, Associate Director, Dasra explored how philanthropic capital can accelerate innovation and support long-term, inclusive and scalable WASH solutions. The discussion examined opportunities to strengthen collaboration, mobilise resources and build sustainable models for the sector's future.

FIRESIDE CHAT ON A SHARED VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF WASH IN INDIA

ASHOK K.K. MEENA
NAINA LAL KIDWAI
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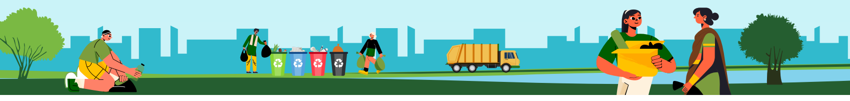
The Day 2 fireside chat brought together Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai and Shri Ashok K. K. Meena, Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, to discuss priorities for India's next phase of WASH development. The conversation highlighted the importance of strong local institutions, accountability and a shift from infrastructure creation towards resilient systems that deliver sustained outcomes.

NATIONAL THEMATIC MASTERCLASSES

The National Thematic Masterclass on Refuse-Derived Fuel (RDF) to Cement brought together stakeholders across waste management, cement and urban systems. The closed-door discussion explored the practical challenges and opportunities across the RDF value chain, from segregation, preprocessing and drying to fuel quality, logistics, cost viability and long-term collaboration between ULBs, waste processors and cement manufacturers.

10th ISC-FICCI SANITATION AWARDS CEREMONY & INDIA SANITATION CONCLAVE 2026
National Thematic Masterclass
TOURISM AND WASH: FINANCING FOR THE FUTURE

The National Thematic Masterclass on 'Tourism & WASH: Financing for the Future', brought together stakeholders to explore how destinations can move towards integrated, sustainable and financially viable WASH systems.
Using the Dwarka-Okha integrated solid and liquid waste management model as a point of discussion, the closed-door roundtable examined the role of institutional coordination, catalytic finance, service delivery, behaviour change and long-term O&M. The conversation focused on a critical question: How can tourism destinations build WASH systems that work not just during peak periods, but sustainably over time?



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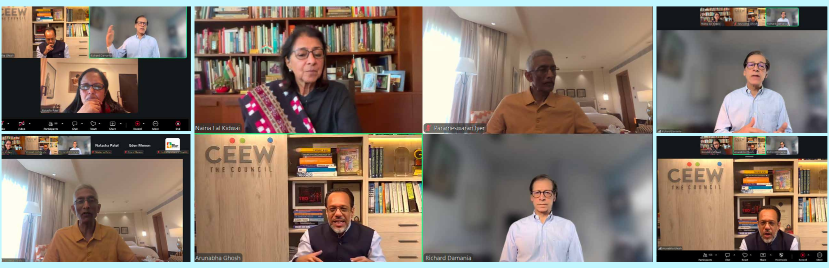
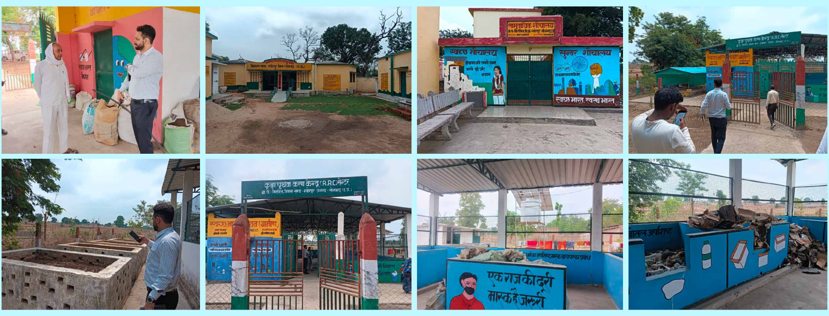

Naina Lal Kidwai
Parameswaran Iyer
Arunabha Ghosh
Richard Damania

ISC's webinar, 'Water, Nature, Progress' brought together sector leaders like Dr. Arunabha Ghosh, CEO, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), Mr. Parameswaran Iyer, Executive Director, World Bank Group and Mr. Richard Damania, Chief Economist, Sustainable Development Practice Group, World Bank, to explore water security as a driver of economic growth and climate resilience. Discussions highlighted the need to scale proven solutions through stronger governance, investment, water reuse, and circular economy approaches.

India Sanitation Coalition (ISC) advanced its Integrated Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) initiative in collaboration with District Administration of Sindhudurg. Ms. Natasha Patel, CEO, ISC, presented a roadmap outlining key focus areas, including scientific waste management, source segregation, recycling, plastic waste management, and waste-to-wealth solutions. Initiative aims to strengthen coordination among stakeholders, promote a circular economy, and develop sustainable waste management practices that protect Sindhudurg's natural environment and support its tourism sector.

In collaboration with GMR Varalakshmi Foundation (GMRVF), ISC supported community-led sanitation improvements in Kancharam village, Rajam Mandal, Vizianagaram district, Andhra Pradesh. Through collective Shramdaan involving Self-Help Groups (SHGs), youth volunteers, sanitation workers, Gram Panchayat representatives, and residents, the initiative strengthened drainage networks, waste segregation, composting infrastructure, and community ownership of sanitation systems.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एक गज की दूरी मास्क है जरूरी

ISC along with Hindalco reviewed Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) interventions in Myorpur block, Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh, with participation from the District Panchayati Raj Officer (DPRO), Block Development Officer (BDO), Hindalco's implementation partner, and Swachhata Sathis. The field assessment covered Resource Recovery Centres (RRCs), composting units, soak pits, and household toilets, highlighting the need for stronger operations and maintenance, village-level planning, and community participation under LHI Phase-II

With support from Hindalco and its implementation partners, ISC facilitated capacity building for Panchayati Raj representatives and frontline functionaries in Jangla Gram Panchayat, Rengali block, Odisha. The Panchayat-level Women's Federation took the lead in retrofitting household toilets when conventional contractors were unavailable, creating a community-led model that stakeholders aim to replicate across other Gram Panchayats in the block, under LHI Phase-II.

A field visit was conducted to Vavanje Gram Panchayat in Panvel block, Raigad district, Maharashtra, to review sanitation interventions supported by Hindalco under LHI Phase II. Engagements with the District Sanitation Coordinator, Block SBM Coordinator, Hindalco's implementation partner, Gram Panchayat representatives, Swachhata Saathis, and Community Resource Persons (CRPs) highlighted the role of drum composting, household-level waste segregation, improved liquid waste management, and sustained community participation in achieving long-term ODF Plus outcomes.

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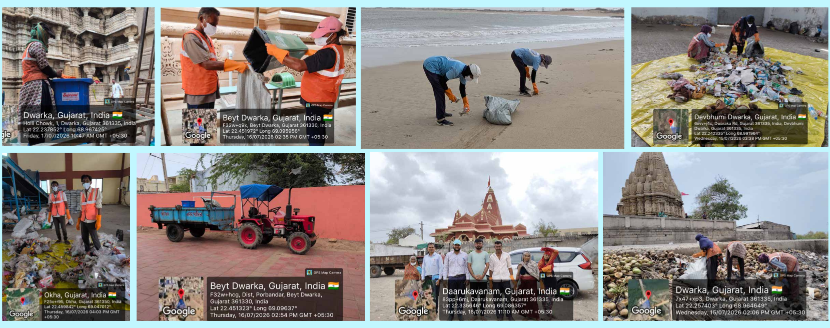
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Swachh Iconic Places Initiative: Saahas Zero Waste conducted a comprehensive Waste Characterization Study across six iconic sites in Devbhumi Dwarka, from ancient temples to Shivrajpur's Blue Flag beach. This baseline data will shape sustainable, location specific waste management systems for these high footfall destinations. Thankful to the Government, ULBs, Gram Panchayats, Shivrajpur Beach management committee, and Temple Trusts for their invaluable support.

In partnership with Knorr-Bremse, field-level assessments in Baghola Gram Panchayat, Palwal, Haryana, brought together Panchayat representatives, the Block Coordinator, SBM, Prithala, and the District Programme Management Team to evaluate sanitation infrastructure, ODF sustainability, and wastewater management. Identified gaps were recommended for integration into the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) for FY 2026–27, supporting evidence-based planning and long-term service delivery as part of LHI Phase-II.

Promoting environmental hygiene through creativity, a drawing competition at Bomaloi Panchayat UP School, Rengali block, Sambalpur, engaged 23 students in collaboration with Hindalco's implementation partner and schoolteachers under LHI Phase-II. The activity encouraged children to champion school cleanliness and carry hygienic practices into their homes and communities.

Under LHI Phase-II, a Mega Parent-Teacher Meeting at Z.P. High School, Penubaka, Vizianagaram district, Andhra Pradesh, brought together parents, teachers, students, elected representatives, and frontline workers in collaboration with GMR Varalakshmi Foundation. Discussions on sanitation and hygiene inspired students to become cleanliness ambassadors, while parents and community leaders reaffirmed their commitment to sustaining ODF Plus outcomes.

Under LHI Phase II, a WASH awareness programme at Tikiri High School, Kasipur block, Rayagada, Odisha, engaged 30 students through collaboration between ISC, Hindalco, and its implementation partner. The session covered proper handwashing, responsible waste disposal, and toilet use, complemented by a review of school facilities that acknowledged completed toilet retrofitting and repair work.

SEPTEMBER

BRICS
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BRICS INDIA 2026
BUILDING FOR RESILIENCE, INNOVATION, COOPERATION AND SUSTAINABILITY
BRICS Women's Business Alliance
Women-Led Development Summit
9th September 2026 | New Delhi, India
PUJA GARG
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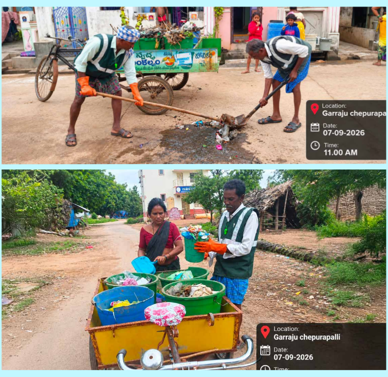
BANSURI SWARAJ
AVARNA JAIN
NAINA LAL KIDWAI
JYOTSNA SURI
UMA SETH

Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai addressed the BRICS WBA Women-Led Development Summit 2026 in New Delhi, highlighting the role of sanitation, safety, education, rights awareness, and financial inclusion in advancing women-led development. She emphasised the importance of creating an enabling environment for women to participate meaningfully in economic growth and leadership.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Under LHI Phase-II, sanitation and cleaning activities at Garraju Cheepurapalli Gram Panchayat, Rajam block, Vizianagaram, brought together the Swachhata Saathi, Panchayat functionaries, Village Key Persons, sanitation workers, and frontline workers. The coordinated effort cleared accumulated waste and debris from roadside and residential areas, reinforcing the importance of regular cleaning, responsible waste disposal, and community participation.

In Baghola Gram Panchayat, Prithla block, Palwal, community-level sanitation efforts engaged approximately 50 households, with a focus on women's participation, household waste segregation, and clean drainage under LHI Phase-II. In coordination with the Sarpanch and sanitation workers, the initiative promoted separate wet and dry waste disposal and regular drain cleaning to strengthen sustainable sanitation practices.

Mewarpur, Uttar Pradesh, India

Under LHI Phase-II, community-level sanitation efforts in Myorpur Gram Panchayat, Sonbhadra, focused on door-to-door waste collection, improved drainage, and responsible waste disposal, with Hindalco's implementation partner supporting systematic collection and segregation at the Resource Recovery Centre (RRC). The identification of a localised requirement for approximately six metres of additional drainage highlighted the importance of addressing infrastructure gaps alongside household awareness and community participation.

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स्वच्छता ही सेवा 2026
स्वच्छता में सहभागिता
स्वच्छ भारत, विकसित भारत
17 सितम्बर से 17 अक्टूबर 2026 तक
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Under Swachhata Hi Seva 2026, Umang Sunehra Kal Sewa Samiti, through LHI Phase II and ITC Mission Sunehra Kal, organised a Rangoli Competition at the Primary School in Beetiya Gram Panchayat, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. The activity combined creative expression with awareness of the four-bin waste segregation system, wet, dry, domestic hazardous, and other waste, making source segregation accessible to young students and the wider school community.

At Bhadkeshwar Temple, Dwarka, vendor and collection staff sensitisation under the Swachh Iconic Places initiative strengthened waste management practices at source. The sessions reinforced mandatory twin-bin use, customer guidance, and segregation of wet and dry waste, while boro bags for dry waste helped maintain segregation through collection and transportation to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF).

Vavanje, Maharashtra, India
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A WASH training workshop at Raigad Zilla Parishad School, Vavanje Gram Panchayat, engaged 180 students in practical learning on water hygiene, personal hygiene, and sanitation under LHI Phase-II. Facilitated by Swachhata Saathis, with the participation of Hindalco's implementation partner, the Community Resource Person for Vavanje, and schoolteachers, the session encouraged students to adopt healthy hygiene practices at school and at home.

INTERNATIONAL
WATER WEEK-2026
Climate Resilient Water Management
22-26 September, 2026
Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
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9th INDIA INTERNATIONAL WATER WEEK-2026

At the 9th India International Water Week 2026, Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, FICCI Water Mission, chaired the WLF-2 session on "Technological Solutions for Efficient Water Utilisation" at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Co-chaired by Mr. Pradeep Kumar Agrawal, Joint Secretary & Chairman, Central Ground Water Authority, the session explored technology-driven approaches to improving water-use efficiency and strengthening sustainable water management.

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Under LHI-Phase II inthe ambit of SBM - Phase II
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17 सितम्बर से 17 अक्टूबर तक

Swachhata Pakhwada 2026 commenced in Sehore with an awareness rally flagged off by Smt. Sarjana Yadav, Chief Executive Officer, Zila Panchayat Sehore. Organised under LHI Phase-II with the joint support of ITC Mission Sunehra Kal, SIPA, and Pratham, the rally culminated in a collective cleanliness drive, promoting waste segregation, responsible disposal, reduced plastic use, and regular toilet usage.

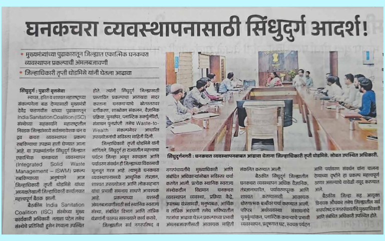
WaSH Conference
22-25 September, 2026
9th INDIA
WATER WEEK-2026
India International
WaSH Conference
22-25 September, 2026
Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Shri Narendra Modi
Shri C R Patil

At India Water Week 2026, Ms. Anjali Tripathy, Director – Program Implementation, Knowledge & Research Management, India Sanitation Coalition (ISC), presented the paper "Unlocking Scale in Sanitation Innovation: Start-ups, Public–Private Partnerships and the ASSURED Framework in India's WASH Ecosystem," co-authored with Ms. Natasha Patel and Mr. Nikhil Kumar Singh. Drawing on the ISC–FICCI Sanitation Awards, the ASSURED Framework and ISC's broader ecosystem interventions, the paper examined how sanitation innovations can move beyond successful pilots towards large-scale adoption. It highlighted the importance of evidence, public–private partnerships, appropriate financing, procurement pathways and robust operations and maintenance systems in enabling sustainable impact across the WASH ecosystem.

4TH EDITION
FICCI NATIONAL
HR INNOVATION
AWARDS 2026
FICCI INNOVATION
SUMMIT 2026
7TH EDITION
Ms. Rajkamal Vempati
Chair, FICCI HR Committee and
Group Head & Head Human
Resources, Axis Bank
FICCI 100
UDAYAN DUTT
NAINA LAL KIDWAI

The 7th FICCI Innovation Summit in New Delhi brought together business and HR leaders to examine how AI, skills, and organisational culture are reshaping the workplace. Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai was among the distinguished leaders at the summit, emphasising the importance of embedding innovation into organisational culture and continually rethinking strategy in an AI-driven environment. The summit also recognised eight organisations across the Future of Work, Technology at Workplace, and Jury Special Award categories at the 4th FICCI National HR Innovation Awards 2026.

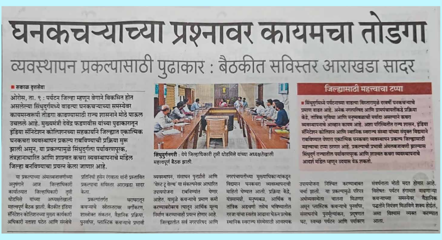
ISC IN MEDIA



घनकचरा व्यवस्थापनासाठी सिंधुदुर्ग आदर्श!

- मुख्यमंत्र्यांच्या पुढाकारातून जिल्ह्यात एकात्मिक घनकचरा व्यवस्थापन प्रकल्पाची अंमलबजावणी
- जिल्हाधिकारी तृप्ती धोडमिसे यांनी घेतला आढावा

सिंधुदुर्गनगरी : घनकचरा व्यवस्थापनाबाबत आढावा घेताना जिल्हाधिकारी तृप्ती धोडमिसे. सोबत उपस्थित अधिकारी.



घनकचऱ्याच्या प्रश्नावर कायमचा तोडगा

व्यवस्थापन प्रकल्पासाठी पुढाकार : बैठकीत सविस्तर आराखडा सादर

सिंधुदुर्गनगरी : येथे जिल्हाधिकारी तृप्ती धोडमिसे यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली महत्त्वपूर्ण बैठक झाली.

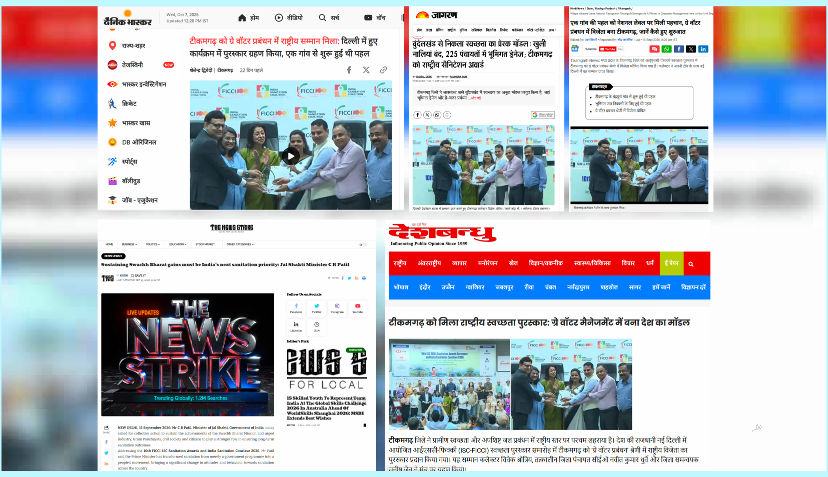
जिल्ह्यासाठी महत्त्वाचा टप्पा

ISC featured in coverage on the advancement of Integrated Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) in Sindhudurg, Maharashtra wherein following the MoU with the District Administration, Ms. Natasha Patel, CEO, ISC, presented the roadmap for establishing a technology-driven and scientifically managed waste management system, bringing together district officials and urban local body representatives under the leadership of District Collector Smt. Trupti Dhodmise.

In ET Now CEO's Roundtable, Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai shared her views on India's economic resilience amid war-induced inflation, highlighting near-term inflationary concerns and the role of alternative fuels in supporting sustainable, long-term business growth.

Naina Lal Kidwai
Chairman, Rothschild India
Founder, India Sanitation Coalition, Former Chairman, HSBC India

As a Grand Jury Member of the Times Now Amazing Indians Awards 2026, Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai reflected on the jury process and the extraordinary individuals driving meaningful change across India. She also commended the initiative for recognising inspiring contributions towards building a better India.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Tikamgarh News: मध्य प्रदेश के टीकमगढ़ जिले को आईएससी-फिक्की स्वच्छता पुरस्कार में टीकमगढ़ को ग्रे वॉटर प्रबंधन श्रेणी में विजेता घोषित किया गया है। कलेक्टर ने अपनी टीम के साथ नई दिल्ली में यह सम्मान प्राप्त किया।

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- भूमिगत जल निकासी के लिए हुई थी पहल
- ग्रे वॉटर प्रबंधन श्रेणी में विजेता घोषित

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THE NEWS STRIKE

NEWS UPDATE

Sustaining Swachh Bharat gains must be India's next sanitation priority: Jal Shakti Minister C R Patil

NEW DELHI, 15 September 2026: Mr C R Patil, Minister of Jal Shakti, Government of India, today called for collective action to sustain the achievements of the Swachh Bharat Mission and urged industry, Gram Panchayats, civil society and citizens to play a stronger role in ensuring long-term sanitation outcomes.

Addressing the 10th FICCI-ISC Sanitation Awards and India Sanitation Conclave 2026, Mr Patil said the Prime Minister has transformed sanitation from merely a government programme into a people's movement, bringing a significant change in attitudes and behaviour towards sanitation across the country.

15 Skilled Youth To Represent Team India At The Global Skills Challenge 2026 In Australia Ahead Of WorldSkills Shanghai 2026: MSDE Extends Best Wishes

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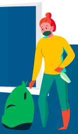
टीकमगढ़ को मिला राष्ट्रीय स्वच्छता पुरस्कार: ग्रे वॉटर मैनेजमेंट में बना देश का मॉडल

टीकमगढ़ जिले ने ग्रामीण स्वच्छता और अपशिष्ट जल प्रबंधन में राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर परचम लहराया है। देश की राजधानी नई दिल्ली में आयोजित आईएससी-फिक्की (ISC-FICCI) स्वच्छता पुरस्कार समारोह में टीकमगढ़ को 'ग्रे वॉटर प्रबंधन' श्रेणी में राष्ट्रीय विजेता का पुरस्कार प्रदान किया गया। यह सम्मान कलेक्टर विवेक श्रोत्रिय, तत्कालीन जिला पंचायत सीईओ नवीत कुमार धुर्वे और जिला समन्वयक मनीष जैन ने मंच पर ग्रहण किया।

The ISC Conclave received coverage across multiple media platforms, amplifying its key discussions and takeaways and extending the reach of conversations around sanitation and the WASH sector.

WASH CONVERSATIONS



Interview with

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Q1

What inspired SCOPE to develop the nature-based FSTP model at Ponnampatti?

Many households have septic tank toilets and periodically need to dispose of the accumulated faecal sludge (septage). Although desludging vehicles are available, in the absence of a proper treatment facility, septage is often illegally disposed of along roadsides, riverbanks, water tanks, and open areas. This indiscriminate disposal contaminates soil and water sources and creates serious environmental and public health risks. To address this problem, SCOPE plans to establish a Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP) for the safe collection, transportation, treatment, and environmentally safe reuse or disposal of faecal sludge.

Q2

What has nearly a decade of operating the Ponnampatti FSTP taught you about sustainable sanitation?

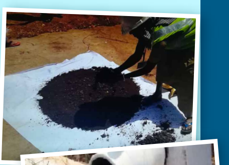
SCOPE constructed a Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP) at Ponnampatty Town Panchayat to ensure the safe and environmentally sustainable management of faecal sludge. SCOPE conducted awareness programmes for desludging vehicle owners, households, and Town Panchayat officials, encouraging them to transport and dispose of collected septage only at the treatment plant rather than in open areas or water bodies.

The FSTP consists of a three-stage vertical flow treatment system followed by a horizontal-flow constructed wetland. The treated water is further utilized in the Resource Recovery Park for agricultural purposes, demonstrating the safe recovery and reuse of water resources.

This model represents a sustainable, nature-based faecal sludge treatment system, reducing soil and water contamination while promoting resource recovery and agricultural reuse.

Q3

How has resource recovery through compost and treated water helped build community acceptance of the initiative?



At the same time, SCOPE educates farmers about the benefits of co-composting, which combines treated faecal sludge compost with solid waste management (SWM) compost. Farmers are encouraged to collect the co-compost produced through the resource recovery process and use it as an organic soil amendment in their agricultural fields.

Farmers have also observed the reuse of treated wastewater from the faecal sludge treatment system. The treated water is used for irrigating different plants at the Resource Recovery Park, demonstrating the potential for safe water reuse in agriculture.

Through these activities, SCOPE promotes a circular sanitation model in which faecal sludge and organic waste are safely treated and converted into useful resources such as compost and treated water. This approach reduces environmental pollution, supports sustainable agriculture, reduces dependence on chemical fertilizers, and demonstrates how sanitation can contribute to resource recovery and livelihood improvement

Q4

What does receiving the 10th ISC-FICCI Sanitation Award mean to you, and what are your hopes for the future of decentralised sanitation?

I am very glad and honoured to receive the 10th ISC-FICCI Sanitation Award. This award is a great encouragement for me to work towards constructing more Faecal Sludge and Non-Sewered Treatment Plants (FSNTPs) in Town Panchayats and Municipalities.

Town Panchayat and Municipal workers are also requesting us to establish this type of faecal sludge treatment plant in their areas. This shows the growing need for safe and sustainable sanitation solutions.

We are planning to promote sustainable sanitation, which includes the complete process of collection, transportation, treatment, and safe reuse of faecal sludge. This approach will help prevent the contamination of soil and water and protect public health and the environment.

Q5

What advice would you give to other organisations or local bodies looking to replicate similar nature-based sanitation solutions?

I am the Chairman of the WASH Network in Tamil Nadu, which brings together many NGOs working in the water, sanitation, and hygiene sector. Through the network, we encourage NGOs to adopt sustainable sanitation practices based on safe collection, transportation, treatment, and reuse of faecal sludge.

We are also encouraging selected NGOs to establish Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTPs) in their respective areas. I will provide the necessary technical guidance and support to these NGOs for planning, construction, operation, and resource recovery.

Through this network approach, we aim to expand sustainable faecal sludge management across Tamil Nadu and promote environmental protection, resource recovery, and sustainable agriculture.

Our vision is to promote this sustainable treatment model throughout Tamil Nadu. The treated resources, including compost and treated water, can support natural and sustainable agriculture. Through resource recovery and reuse, we can move towards a cleaner environment, healthier communities, and a truly circular sanitation system.

We are calling for inspiring stories and impactful initiatives driving positive change in the sanitation sector.
If your story/organisation deserves a feature, reach out to us at rohit.singh@isc.ficci.com