



NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM AND RELEASE OF REPORT

PATHWAYS TO INCLUSION OF WASTE PICKERS: EXPLORING VARIOUS MODELS FROM INDIAN CITIES

6th August, 2025, 09:00 AM – 02:00 PM
Venue: Magnolia Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

AGENDA

Time	Session	Speaker
09:00 – 10:00 AM	Registration	CSE Team
10:00 – 10:05 AM	Welcome Address	Atin Biswas , Program Director, CSE
10:05 – 10:25 AM	Key findings of the study	Mou Sengupta , Program Manager, CSE
10:25 – 10:30 AM	Release of the report	Keynote speakers and CSE team
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Keynote Address	Dr. Rachna Arora Director, Climate Change & Circular Economy, GIZ
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Keynote Address	Prabhat Kumar Singh Managing Director, National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation NSKFD (MoSJE)
11:00 – 11:15 AM	Keynote Address	V S Rana , Director, Swachh Bharat Mission Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
TEA BREAK (11:15 AM – 11:30 AM)		
Beyond the Bins: Stories of resilience and change from those who clean our cities		
11:30 – 11:40 AM	-	Waste Picker from Pune , Maharashtra
11:40 – 11:50 AM	-	Waste Picker from Shillong , Meghalaya
11:50 – 12:00 PM	-	Haritha Karmasena from Thiruvananthapuram , Kerala
12:00 – 01:00 PM	Panel Discussion: <i>Pathways to the inclusion of waste pickers:</i> Moderator: Shrotik Bose , Research Associate, CSE	Paramita Dutta Dey Head (Resource and Waste) and Program Lead, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) Pratibha Sharma Project Specialist, Circular Economy & Chemicals Management, United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Harshad Barde Director, SWaCH Pune Siriesha Darbha Capacity Building Lead, NPMU, SBM-Urban Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Dr. Sasikumar A Health Officer, Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation
01:00 – 01:30 PM	Q & A Session	Waste Pickers, all Panellists, CSE Team
01:30 – 01:35 PM	Vote of Thanks	Aniket Chandra , Senior Research Associate, CSE
Lunch and End of Programme		