

Swachhata Pakhwada

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About Swachhata Pakhwada:

- It is an initiative **launched in April, 2016** under the **Swachh Bharat Mission**.
- **Objective:** It was launched with the objective of bringing a fortnight of intense focus on the issues and **practices of Swachhata** by engaging the central government ministries/departments.
- **Aim:** It aims to include all ministries and departments through a common programme to contribute for Swachh Bharat Mission.
- An annual calendar is pre-circulated among the ministries to help them plan for the Pakhwada activities.
- The ministries observing Swachhata Pakhwada are monitored closely using the online monitoring system of **Swachhata Samiksha** where action plans, images, videos related to Swachhata activities are uploaded and shared.
- For the Pakhwada fortnight, observing ministries are considered as '**Swachhata Ministries**' and are expected to bring qualitative swachhata improvements in their jurisdictions.

Key facts about Swachh Bharat Mission

- The Indian government launched the swachh bharat mission on **October 2, 2014**.
- The mission covered all **rural and urban areas**.
 - The urban component of the mission is implemented by the **Ministry of Urban Development**, and the rural component by the **Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation**.
- The programme includes elimination of open defecation, conversion of unsanitary toilets to pour flush toilets, eradication of manual scavenging, municipal solid waste management and bringing about a behavioural change in people regarding healthy sanitation practices.

Q1: What is Anaerobic treatment?

It is a proven and energy-efficient method for treating industrial wastewater. It uses anaerobic bacteria (biomass) to convert organic pollutants or COD (chemical oxygen demand) into biogas in an oxygen-free environment.

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