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Citizens join hands to make city cleaner, Vadodara

Responding to the ongoing Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, a group of citizens have joined hands to make Vadodara Gujarat's cleanest city. *Times of India, November 05, 2014*

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vadodara/Citizens-join-hands-to-make-city-cleaner/articleshow/45042863.cms>

AMC to capture litterbugs on CCTV cameras, Ahmedabad

From January next year, not just traffic violators, but the litterbugs will have an electric eye watching them. The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) has decided to use the CCTV surveillance system, which the city police have been installing, for keeping a watch on garbage disposal and movement of AMC vehicles. *Times of India, November 05, 2014*

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/AMC-to-capture-litterbugs-on-CCTV-cameras/articleshow/45040784.cms>

No one knows who can fix Pirana dump site, Ahmedabad

While the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) has its arguments to justify the fire at the Pirana dump site, which is overflowing and gives out poisonous stench, the fire department also does not want to own up responsibility for not controlling it. Chief fire officer MF Dastur confirms that the AMC has approached his department on the issue. *Times of India, November 05, 2014*

http://epaper.dnaindia.com/story.aspx?id=56207&boxid=136436&ed_date=2014-11-05&ed_code=1310005&ed_page=2

Kids turn 'waste busters', mop up e-waste, Ahmedabad

The students' initiative has two pronged objectives: to manage the e-waste and help the women from weaker sections of society. The students have collaborated with SEWA, which will collect the waste and give it to authorised recyclers. *Ahmedabad Mirror, November 05, 2014*

<http://epaperbeta.timesofindia.com/Article.aspx?eid=31819&articlexml=Kids-turn-waste-busters-mop-up-e-waste-05112014007005>

City sits on a heap of dumped cancer

Ahmedabad: If you happen to live anywhere within a 10-kilometre radius of the Pirana garbage dump site in Ahmedabad, you are most likely exposed to noxious smoke that is carcinogenic (cancer-causing) in nature. The site belongs to the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC), at which about 2,800 metric tons of untreated waste of the city is dumped everyday. Over the past fortnight, this untreated dump has started burning and is generating extremely harmful smoke. Local residents and activists allege that AMC officials clandestinely set this dump on fire every evening, as the Pirana site has surpassed its carrying capacity by a big margin, and there is an urgent need to control the heap from rising further. *DNA, November 05, 2014*

http://epaper.dnaindia.com/story.aspx?id=56199&boxid=135771&ed_date=2014-11-05&ed_code=1310005&ed_page=1

2.25 lakh people to get 100 litre less water, Vadodara

There are water issues in Vadodara. 2.25 lakh people have to be ready for 10 minute water cut for 9 days. *Divya Bhaskar, November 05, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/MGUJ-VAD-100-liter-less-water-will-give-to-2-4796240-PHO.html>

New tank with capacity of 25 lakh gallon to be constructed in Chankheda, Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation will construct a pump house, underground tank and water pipeline network in Chankheda ward. Approximate cost of the work is Rs. 14.78 crores. *Divya Bhaskar, November 05, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/MGUJ-AHM-MAT-latest-ahmedabad-news-033503-798974-NOR.html>

Fault is water supply pipeline while drainage excavation work, Shahera

The physical work of underground drainage is in process in the city. This has led to excavation work everywhere in the area. There was a fault in water supply pipeline in Vyaswada while undertaking excavation in the area. This led to wastage of water in the area. *Divya Bhaskar, November 05, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/MGUJ-MAT-latest-shahera-news-024503-798030-NOR.html>

Grimy and mucky surroundings in Rajkot

Divya Bhaskar, November 05, 2014

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/SAU-RJK-pollution-in-rajkot-latest-news-4796299-PHO.html>

Issues in Rs. 208 crore drainage scheme, Gandhidham

Underground drainage scheme costing Rs. 208 crore has been approved for Gandhidham city. However, there are issues in the plan and the scheme will not solve the drainage problems of the city. *Divya Bhaskar, November 05, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/KUT-BUJ-defective-schem-of-government-in-city-4796287-NOR.html>

Kutch Mitra, November 05, 2014

http://www.kutchmitradaily.com/article.aspx?site_id=3&news_id=51572

Nearly 5000 people suffer for water in Vadodara

Nearly 5000 people of GIDC colony located in the south zone of Vadodara do not get water with adequate pressure. Residents are getting tanker water from last 1 year. Residents of Marutidham society and other societies located behind All India Radio are complaining for inadequate water pressure since long. *Divya Bhaskar, November 05, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/MGUJ-VAD-5000-people-curse-of-the-water-daily-4796261-NOR.html>

Rs. 18-20 crores to be spent to establish refuse station in 6 zones, Ahmedabad

The municipal corporation is planning to establish refuse transfer station in 6 zones in Ahmedabad. *Navgujarat Samay, November 05, 2014*

<http://epaper.navgujaratsamay.com/details/3402-6683-1.html>

RMC relaunches mobile payment app

Rajkot: Making a headstart in its effort to transform Rajkot into a SMART city, the Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC) on Monday launched its improved smart phone application which enables residents to make payments of almost all kinds of civic charges online and access vital information on phone. *Indian Express, November 04, 2014*

<http://epaper.indianexpress.com/368314/Ahmedabad/04-November-2014#page/4/2>

Gujarat Samachar, November 04, 2014

http://www.gujaratsamachar.com/index.php/articles/display_article/gujarat-saurashtra-rajkot-taxes-now-mobile

Ageing drainage lines cause craters in Alkapuri, Vadodara

The reason, sources said, is the main drainage line from the Baroda People's Cooperative Society (BPCS) in Alkapuri to Akota is over 40 years old and needs replacement. The problem that the Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) has on hand is that the line is now in the heart of a densely populated area and it would be a daunting task to replace it. *Times of India, November 04, 2014*

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vadodara/Ageing-drainage-lines-cause-craters-in-Alkapuri/articleshow/45031635.cms>

Cases of water-borne diseases rise, Ahmedabad

Compared to last year, this year 1,010 more cases have been reported; 500 cases in October alone. The sharp increase in cases of water-borne diseases in the city is a matter of grave concern. This year, so far, 7,310 cases of diarrhoea have been reported, with 500 cases in the month of October alone, said health officials at AMC. *Ahmedabad Mirror, November 04, 2014*

<http://epaperbeta.timesofindia.com/Article.aspx?eid=31819&articlexml=Cases-of-water-borne-diseases-rise-04112014004022>

Fault at Narmada pumping station, water cut in Jamnagar

Water cut is again imposed in Jamnagar due to a fault in Narmada pumping station. The municipal corporation has thus imposed cut in water distribution and citizens will now get water after three days instead of alternate days. *Divya Bhaskar, November 04, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/SAU-JAMN-MAT-latest-jamnagar-news-075504-794825-NOR.html>

Open sewers in Adipur risky, may lead to accidents

Citizens in Adipur are troubled with open sewers. Citizens have registered number of complaints. However, the municipality has not taken any action. *Divya Bhaskar, November 04, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/KUT-BUJ-risk-open-sewers-leads-to-accidents-4795183-NOR.html>

Government office in Bhuj surrounded by garbage and dirt

Divya Bhaskar, November 04, 2014

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/KUT-BUJ-mla-granted-tree-guard-became-dustbin-in-bhuj-4795605-PHO.html>

Rajkot Municipal Corporation charges penalty for not keeping dustbins

Rajkot Municipal Corporation in its cleanliness campaign is making changes to the earlier penalty regulations to keep the city clean. Apart from this, new rules and regulations have also been formed for sanitation. A dustbin is compulsory. During checking, the owner will be penalized Rs. 50 if there is no dustbin in the house. *Divya Bhaskar, November 04, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/SAU-RJK-penalty-on-dustbin-in-rajkot-latest-news-4795211-NOR.html>

Waste water overflow in ward no. 4 troubles residents, Valsad

Drainage line is overflowing from last 12 days in Machiwad areas of ward no. 4 of Valsad municipality. Residents are troubled with this dirt and muck. *Sandesh, November 04, 2014*

<http://www.sandesh.com/article.aspx?newsid=3004880>

Turbid water supply in Bet Dwarka from 15 days

Sandesh, November 04, 2014

<http://www.sandesh.com/article.aspx?newsid=3004896>

Grimy and mucky surroundings in Bharuch

Sandesh, November 04, 2014

<http://www.sandesh.com/article.aspx?newsid=3005025>

Carelessness in pipeline repairing leads to contaminated water distribution in Bagasara

Due to carelessness of water works department of Bagasara municipality, there is fault at many places in water supply pipeline, leading to wastage of water. This has also led to contaminated water supply. *Sandesh, November 04, 2014*

<http://www.sandesh.com/article.aspx?newsid=3004906>

Vadsar waste site yet to be scientifically shut, Vadoadara

The ugly sight of the officially discontinued municipal solid waste (MSW) disposal site at Vadsar greets one along with stench despite Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) considering plans to close it scientifically. *Times of India, November 03, 2014*

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vadodara/Vadsar-waste-site-yet-to-be-scientifically-shut/articleshow/45019263.cms>

No piped drinking water for Shahpur firefighters, Ahmedabad

The city's fire brigade is battling water shortage. The Shahpur fire station is responsible for the safety of Walled City areas that have a number of fire-prone old buildings and structures. This fire station has not been getting drinking water supply for more than two months. Senior officials of the Ahmedabad Fire and Emergency Services (AFES) have taken up the matter with Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC). *Times of India, November 03, 2014*

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/No-piped-drinking-water-for-Shahpur-firefighters/articleshow/45016868.cms>

Dhobitalav slum of Valsad surrounded by grime and muck

There are approximate 1000 families residing in the Dhobitalav slum of Valsad. Open sewers is troubling the residents. The residents have presented their basic requirement to the municipality however, there is no solution. *Divya Bhaskar, November 03, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/DGUJ-VAL-MAT-latest-valsad-news-084005-789350-NOR.html>

Residents troubled with contaminated water supply, Ahmedabad

Residents of Ravjinagar located near Bapunagar area of Ahmedabad are troubled with contaminated water supply. Due to leakage in water supply and drainage line, there is contaminated water supply. *Divya Bhaskar, November 03, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/MGUJ-AHM-MAT-latest-ahmedabad-news-053506-789164-NOR.html>

Excavation work for underground drainage troubles citizens, women protest against Dhoraji municipality

The water supply board and Dhoraji municipality is careless in its ongoing underground drainage project. Excavation work is undertaken all around and citizens are troubled due to such situation. *Divya Bhaskar, November 03, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/SAU-RJK-c-120-353728-NOR.html>

Heaps of garbage at Sardarbaug, Kadi

Divya Bhaskar, November 03, 2014

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/UGUJ-MAT-latest-kadi-news-043504-789046-NOR.html>

Traders using plastic and making surroundings dirty penalized, Prantij

Earlier, Prantij municipality had asked traders not to make surroundings dirty and not use plastic bag less than 20 micron. In spite of continuous reminders, there was no change. The municipality had a surprise check and charged Rs. 5000 and more from the traders. *Sandesh, November 03, 2014*

<http://www.sandesh.com/article.aspx?newsid=3004746>

Khambhaliya surrounded by dirt and muck

There is heaps of garbage and dirt all around in Khambhaliya city. It seems 'Swachhata Abhiyaan' in Khambhaliya is only on paper. The major areas including Nagar gate, Bethak road, Vijay Chowk, Nagar Pada and many more are dirty due to inadequate cleanliness. *Sandesh, November 03, 2014*

<http://www.sandesh.com/article.aspx?newsid=3004890>

Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation will give plastic bags to lorry vendors

Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has planned to distribute plastic bags to lorry vendors to throw garbage. The municipal corporation will distribute plastic bags without any cost. This will help to keep the surroundings clean. *Akila, November 03, 2014*

<http://www.akilanews.com/03112014/gujarat-news/1415023011-25755>

AMC fines telecom giant Rs 5L for damaging water supply lines, Ahmedabad

Telecom giant Idea Cellular was fined Rs 5 lakh by Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation for not seeking permission to dig the road for repair work on optical fiber cable. The south zone office of the corporation fined the company. *Ahmedabad Mirror, November 02, 2014*

<http://epaperbeta.timesofindia.com/Article.aspx?eid=31819&articlexml=AMC-fines-telecom-giant-Rs-5L-for-damaging-02112014004030>

Varsity students bring ‘Swachh Bharat’ feel to slum dwellers

Ahmedabad: City’s biggest slum Gulbai Tekra which houses around a lakh people, mostly from the Marwari community who make a living by sculpting idols, got a first-hand ‘Swachh Bharat’ experience recently, thanks to an elective on ‘Living Public Spaces’ taken up by 28 CEPT University students. Students of architecture, design and planning courses imagine different ways of making use of public spaces for slum dwellers and of re-using of underused urban spaces in a way that responds to requirements of the community housed in the slum. *Indian Express, November 02, 2014*

<http://epaper.indianexpress.com/367144/Ahmedabad/02-November-2014#page/6/2>

Penalty for making surroundings dirty, Rapar

Divya Bhaskar, November 02, 2014

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/KUT-BUJ-find-if-dirty-in-rapar-city-4793184-NOR.html>

Penalty for polluting surrounding, Mandvi

Mandvi municipality in Surat had initiated cleanliness campaign in the city. With this, the municipality will penalize lorry vendors and other merchants for polluting the city. *Divya Bhaskar, November 01, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/DGUJ-SUR-those-fine-dirt-latest-news-mandavi-4791992-PHO.html>

Waste water overflows on roads, Valsad

Aazad chowk road going towards Kosamba boasts with traffic. Drainage water is overflowing on the road and the municipality has started repairing work. *Divya Bhaskar, November 01, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/DGUJ-VAL-MAT-latest-valsad-news-075003-779045-NOR.html>

No RO plant in Shardaben hospital, people consume tap water, Ahmedabad

Divya Bhaskar, November 01, 2014

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/MGUJ-AHM-no-ro-plant-in-ahmedabad-shardaben-hospital-4792013-PHO.html>

Complaints registered due to lack of cleanliness in Vadaj, Ahmedabad

Complaints have been registered due to unclean surroundings in Vadaj area. Cleaning activities are not regular in many societies including Bhimjipura road, Kiranpark road, Laljibhai road and Gopalak society road. Residents are troubled with such unclean surroundings. *Divya Bhaskar, November 01, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/MGUJ-AHM-MAT-latest-ahmedabad-news-053505-778782-NOR.html>

Vehicle drivers troubled with garbage burning at dumping site at night, Ahmedabad

Everyday garbage is burnt near the Pirana dumping site, spreading polluted gas in atmosphere. Vehicle drivers are troubled with such situation. *Divya Bhaskar, November 01, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/MGUJ-AHM-MAT-latest-ahmedabad-news-053505-778770-NOR.html>

Standing committee approved for Sasoi dam based drinking water management, Surat

A standing committee has been approved for establishing water scheme costing Rs. 68 crores for the newly added areas of Surat. *Divya Bhaskar, November 01, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/SAU-JAMN-MAT-latest-jamnagar-news-074006-778975-NOR.html>

Dumas, Vesu and Sultanabad still starve for water supply pipeline, Surat

More than 20 villages have been included in Surat Municipal Corporation in 2006. However, many villages still lack basic facilities of water supply. *Divya Bhaskar, November 01, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/DGUJ-SUR-MAT-latest-surat-news-034007-777760-NOR.html>

High penalty for littering, Rajkot

Rajkot Municipal Corporation will penalize for littering. Penalty ranges from Rs. 50-500 for citizens. *Gujarat Samachar, November 01, 2014*

http://www.gujaratsamachar.com/index.php/articles/display_article/gujarat-saurashtra-rajkot-dirt

Rajula surrounded by grimy and mucky surroundings

Cleanliness campaign has not succeeded in Rajula. Majority of the areas are dirty and mucky, due to lack of irregular cleaning activity. Areas including school no. 4, Jaffrabad road, Gokulnagar and bus stand are full of garbage and dirt. *Sandesh, November 01, 2014*

<http://www.sandesh.com/article.aspx?newsid=3003913>

Instruction to penalize for littering in public, Gandhinagar

With a view to keep the cities clean, officials will undertake surprise checking. Littering at shopping centres, gardens and other public places will be penalized. *Sandesh, November 01, 2014*

<http://www.sandesh.com/article.aspx?newsid=3004091>

Water supply and drainage work will be undertaken in interior areas of Rajkot

Akila, November 01, 2014

<http://www.akilanews.com/01112014/rajkot-news/1414823373-33336>

Hazardous waste buried illegally below gauchar land, Surat

Around 7000 metric tonnes of hazardous solid waste was found buried under an open land near Ankleshwar by Gujarat Pollution Control Board officials on Tuesday. Regional officer of GPCB at Ankleshwar AV Shah said, "We got an information that a large quantity of solid waste was dumped below Gaucher land of Kharod village of Ankleshwar taluka. Our team started digging from Tuesday onwards and we found the waste at three different locations."

Times of India, October 31, 2014

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/surat/Hazardous-waste-buried-illegalybelow-gauchar-land/articleshow/44990814.cms>

Ban on use of plastic in offices and gardens, Rajkot

Divya Bhaskar, October 31, 2014

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/SAU-RJK-MAT-latest-rajkot-news-060005-773680-NOR.html>

Issue of overflowing drainage resolved, Kadi

Divya Bhaskar, October 31, 2014

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/UGUJ-MAT-latest-kadi-news-055005-773640-NOR.html>

Property tax recovery by disconnecting water connection, Rajkot

Akila, October 31, 2014

<http://www.akilanews.com/31102014/rajkot-news/1414752764-33304>

Vegetable market dirty and grimy, Godhra

Divya Bhaskar, October 30, 2014

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/MGUJ-PAN-empire-of-dirt-in-godhra-vegetables-market-4789829-PHO.html>

Heaps of garbage in Ambedkar complex in Prantij

There is heaps of garbage in Ambedkar complex located in Bhankharia area of Prantij. The complex is not cleaned from long time. *Divya Bhaskar, October 30, 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/UGUJ-MAT-latest-prantij-news-080504-768529-NOR.html>

Checking for cleanliness at different places in Modasa, merchants given guidance

Divya Bhaskar, October 30, 2014

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/UGUJ-MAT-latest-modasa-news-080005-768528-NOR.html>

Bhavnagar Corporation undertakes cleaning activity of Bortalav

Divya Bhaskar, October 30, 2014

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/SAU-BVN-MAT-latest-bhavnagar-news-074005-768724-NOR.html>

Passengers troubled with grimy and mucky bus stand, Shahera

The toilets at Shahera bus stand are dirty and filthy. Dirty water is overflowing, troubling the passengers. *Sandesh, October 30, 2014*

<http://www.sandesh.com/article.aspx?newsid=3003147>

Overhead tank with capacity of 4 lakh litre collapsed, Khambhaliya

The overhead water tank with a capacity of 4 lakh litres located in Ramnagar wadi area collapsed on Tuesday. Water distribution in some areas is disturbed. *Gujarat Samachar, October 30, 2014*

http://www.gujaratsamachar.com/index.php/articles/display_article/gujarat-saurashtra-rajkot-khambhaliya-water-tank-collapse

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