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About WASH Institute

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Institute (WASHi) is a registered non-profit organization established in Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, India in the year 2008. WASHi provides technical, training, research and development services to a wide range of stakeholders - Governments, Industry, DFIs, philanthropic organizations, and other NGOs. WASHi is dedicated to providing practical solutions to a wide range of water, sanitation, hygiene and environmental issues. It operates from 14 locations spread across nine states and one Union Territory in India. WASH Institute has a multi-disciplinary team of over 180 employees with expertise in engineering, urban planning, policy and business models, capacity building, communication and behaviour change.

WASH Institute is a sector partner for Ministry of Jal Shakti that provided skill and capacity building trainings to Government Officials across the country. WASH Institute regularly undertakes training programs for government functionaries (technical staff, decision makers, elected representatives, policy makers), frontline community workers (Swachhta Doots, volunteers supporting cleanliness efforts) and sanitation workers (masons, operators). The training programs cover the entire spectrum - water security and water management, integrated water supply, water quality, water and sanitation during emergency, ECOSAN, Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS), Faecal Sludge Management (FSM) and Decentralized Wastewater Management. So far WASH Institute has trained more than 13,000 professionals across the country - Engineers/Govt. officials, NGO/INGO professionals, over Master Masons – as well as school children.

Technical Assistance:
1. Provides Technical Assistance (TA) to Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) on Swachh Bharat Mission Urban (SBM Urban), since 2015
2. As part of TA, WASH Institute has also been providing dedicated support to Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organization (CPHEEO), MoHUA, since 2017
3. Provides Technical Assistance to Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti on Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen, since 2016
4. Provides Technical Assistance to Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti on Jal Jeevan Mission, since 2019

About the Program:
Skill Development in Fecal Sludge and Septage Management Sector in India Towns and Cities

With more than 62 lakh toilets built in Urban India under the Swachh Bharat Mission between 2014 and 2019, we have almost succeeded in providing access to toilets to everyone. However, with more than 50% Indian households depending on on-site sanitation systems (OSS), the challenge we face today is to manage the waste collected in the OSS. Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM), a quick and inexpensive solution that can drastically transform the sanitation situation in small towns and cities, has been wholeheartedly adopted by most urban bodies in India, especially in Odisha.

This project – namely “Skill Building for FSSM in Indian Towns and Cities” has been developed to equip Urban Local Bodies to improve the service quality in the FSSM sector. An initiative of WASH Institute and USAID in collaboration with BMGF and Ministry of Housing
and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), leverages the rich knowledge, experience and learnings gathered in the sector over the past 1.5 years. WASH Institute has been in the sanitation sector since 2008, we expertise in building capacities and preparing towns and cities to plan, implement and maintain wastewater management and FSSM systems.
About the training manual

Safety of sanitation workers remains an often-ignored aspect in Faecal Sludge Management. While shifting workers from manual to mechanical means of desludging remains a priority. There are a number of issues including exposure to sludge faced by sanitation workers even in a mechanised context, where desludging trucks are utilised to provide desludging services. Based on a detailed analysis of observation of desludging process, there are three safety concerns: inhalation of harmful gases, contact with sludge, and physical injury. The causes are varied including behaviours and practices by households such as non-compliance of septic tank construction to design standards, irregular cleaning, improper disposal of inappropriate items in toilets; inappropriate or inadequate design of decanting stations, tools and equipment, and inadequate awareness and knowledge among all stakeholders.

Ensuring safety and well-being of sanitation workers, through elimination of hazardous entry for sewer and septic tank cleaning through mechanization of cleaning operations, provision of protective gear/ PPE kits to sanitation workers, etc. is one of the most important factors mentioned in SBU-2.

About the manual

Through the training manual we aim to enlighten Sanitation Inspectors, Private Operators and Sanitation Workers (Desludging Operators) via hands-on demonstration on proper use of PPEs and other tools, health & safety and various schemes for their welfare.

Aim

To train operators, who play a vital role in the FSM value chain, by introducing them to the standard operating procedures of emptying and transportation of faecal sludge and about the health and safety aspect related to desludging services.

Classroom

- Understanding the need for use of proper PPE’s, Do’s and Don’ts and work related potential hazards
- Hands-on experience of properly wearing and removing PPEs
- Enhancing preparedness, knowledge levels and the safety conditions of the sanitation workers through mock drills
- Learn about various Standard operating Procedures related to work in maintenance holes and septic tanks
- Knowledge about various government schemes for welfare of sanitation workers

Practical

- How to operate the truck?
- Operation & Maintenance of cesspool vehicle
- Types of regular suction machines and their uses
# Orientation Program of Desludging Operators

**(Location)**

**Date:** …………………………

**Venue:** …………………………

## Agenda

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o Initiatives of Government of India |
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o Procedures for mechanical cleaning of septic tanks (Vacuum Trucks)  
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 o What to use & why? |

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Session 1:
Welcome & Introduction
Setting Up the Objective
Orientation Program for Desludging Operators & Sewer Workers
Objectives of the training

- Enhancing preparedness, knowledge levels and the safety conditions of the sanitation workers through mock drills
- Learn about various Standard operating Procedures related to work in maintenance holes and septic tanks
- Understanding the need for use of proper PPE’s, Do’s and Don’ts and work related potential hazards
- Hands-on experience of properly wearing and removing PPEs
- Knowledge about various government schemes for welfare of sanitation workers

Expectations of the Participants

what do you expect?
Session 2: Laws pertaining to sanitary workers
Background of Manual Scavenging

• Due to socio-economic reasons traditionally a section of the society has been engaged in manual cleaning of human excreta
• Manual Scavenging is an occupation that violates the basic human dignity
• Successive Central & State Governments have been trying to bring to an end this occupation with varying success
• Areas of high priority for the Government
• Eradication of manual scavenging and the rehabilitation of manual scavengers in alternative occupations
  • Elimination of insanitary latrines
• Towards this end, a multi pronged strategy has been followed consisting of
  • Legislative Interventions
  • Programmatic Interventions
Objectives of the MS Act, 2013

- Identification of manual scavengers and their rehabilitation in alternative occupations

- Identification of insanitary latrines, their demolition and conversion into sanitary latrines

- Prohibition of hazardous cleaning of sewers and septic tanks
Manual Scavenger definition as per MS Act 2013

A manual scavenger is a person engaged to manually clean, carry, dispose of, or otherwise handle in any manner, human excreta that is not fully decomposed.

“Manual Scavenger means a person engaged or employed, at the commencement of this Act or at any time thereafter, by an individual or a local authority or an agency or a contractor, for manually cleaning, carrying, disposing of, or otherwise handling in any manner, human excreta in an insanitary latrine or in an open drain or pit into which the human excreta from the insanitary latrines is disposed of, or on a railway track or in such other spaces or premises, as the central Government may notify, before the excreta fully decomposes in such manner as may be prescribed, and the expression “manual scavenging” shall be considered accordingly.”

Identification of Manual Scavengers

- As per Sections 11 and 15 of the MS Act, 2013, if any Municipality or Panchayat has reason to believe that some persons are engaged or employed in manual scavenging within its jurisdiction, the CEO shall cause a survey to identify such persons.

- Accordingly, Ministry of SJ&E piloted a nationwide survey, to be conducted by the concerned local authorities.
Types of Manual Scavenging

1. Cleaning of Dry Latrines
2. Toilet flushed into Open Drain
3. Cleaning of drains into which human excreta is flushed from insanitary latrines
4. Cleaning of Railway Tracks
Manual Scavenger vs Safai Karamchari

**Manual Scavenger**
A person engaged or employed on regular or frequent basis by an individual or a local authority or a public or private agency, for manually cleaning, carrying, disposing of, or otherwise handling in any manner, human excreta in an insanitary latrine or in an open drain or pit into which human excreta from insanitary latrines is disposed of, or on a railway track, before the excreta fully decomposes.

**Safai Karamchari**
A person engaged as ‘Sweeper’ or ‘sanitation/cleaning worker’ in municipalities, government and private offices and by individual excluding domestic worker. The person may be direct employees of these bodies (municipalities, government/private sector organizations) or may be contract employee who happen to be working for these organizations.

Eligible Manual Scavengers Identified under the surveys conducted by States under MS Act, 2013 and paid One time Cash Assistance of Rs. 40,000/- upto 31.3.2021

![Graph showing distribution of eligible manual scavengers across different states](image)
Hazardous Cleaning definition as per MS Act 2013

Hazardous Cleaning is manual cleaning of sewer or septic tank without proper protective gear and cleaning devices.

“Hazardous Cleaning” by an employee, in relation to a sewer or septic tank, means its manual cleaning by such employee without the employer fulfilling his obligation to provide protective gear and other cleaning devices and ensuring observance of safety precautions, as may be prescribed or provided in any other law, for the time being in force or rules made thereunder;

Health Issues associated with Hazardous Cleaning of Sewers and Septic Tanks

- Cleaning
- Carrying
- Disposing

- Partial Blindness
- Skin Diseases
- Deformed Spines

- Death
Implications of Hazardous Cleaning

- Every year a number of deaths are reported during the cleaning of Sewers and Septic Tanks
- The deaths caused due to illness and disease could be even more and are normally not reported

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Manual Scavenging vs Hazardous Cleaning

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<td>As per MS Act, 2013 hazardous cleaning of sewers and septic tanks is regulated.</td>
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<td>It signifies that the workplaces resulting in manual scavenging (i.e. dry latrines and other insanitary toilets) would not exist and hence there will be no need to clean them.</td>
<td>However, manual cleaning of sewers and septic tanks can be undertaken under exceptional circumstances with the protective gear and safety devices with the written permission of CEO of the local authority as sewers and septic tanks is accepted system of disposal of human waste.</td>
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Punishment for Hazardous cleaning as per MS ACT 2013

**Punishment for 1st Time:**
- Fine Upto 2 years of Jail
- Or Fine Upto Rs. 2 lakh
- Or Both

**Punishment for 2nd Time:**
- Fine upto Five Years of Jail
- Or Fine upto Rs.5 lakh
- Or Both

In a case filed by Safai Karamchari Andolan, Hon’ble Supreme Court of India has ordered to pay a compensation of Rs. 10 lakh to dependants of sanitation workers died while cleaning sewers/septic tanks since 1993.

Efforts made by MoSJE to tackle Sewer Deaths

- M/o SJE is closely monitoring the cases of deaths of sanitation workers while cleaning sewers/septic tanks.
- In each such incident the matter is taken up with the CEO of Municipality/District Magistrate impressing upon:
  - Register of criminal case against the employer
  - Payment of compensation of Rs. 10.00 lakh to the family of deceased
  - Furnish compliance report in the incident
- Efforts being made through various measures and constant monitoring has started given positive results. The number of deaths have come down heavily during the last year.
Obligations of Employer under MS Rules, 2013

- Obligations towards employees engaged in cleaning of sewer/septic tank under Chapter II of the MS Rules, 2013
  - No person to clean sewer manually except with permission of CEO of local authority & under exceptional conditions
    - for removal of concrete or FRP or damaged manhole door where mechanical equipment’s cannot be operated
    - for interlinking of the newly laid sewer line with the existing sewer main etc.
  - Any person engaged to clean a sewer or septic tank shall be provided protective gear and safety devices which will include
    - face mask, full body wearer suite, hand gloves, helmet, safety belt, safety goggles, safety gum boots, safety search light
    - air compressor for blower, air line breathing apparatus, gas monitor, air purified gas mask etc.

Obligations of Employer under MS Rules, 2013

- The local body shall ensure that during cleaning of sewer or septic tanks, cleaning devices are used which will include
  - suction machine, hydraulic trolley, jetting machine, hoses and washing instruments etc.

- The employer shall also ensure the following safety precautions
  - testing for oxygen, combustible and toxic gases; ventilating the sewer line by opening at least two manholes on both sides; presence of minimum three employees including supervisor
  - cleaning in day-light only; cleaning duration not exceeding 90 minutes at a stretch; proper barricading of area; use of tripod etc.

- The employer shall ensure that worker has life insurance policy for at least Rs. 10 lakh and premium is paid by employer
Provisions for Mechanized cleaning of sewers and septic tanks

Under Section 33 of the MS Act, 2013:

- It shall be the duty of every local authority and other agency to use appropriate technological appliances for cleaning of sewers, septic tanks and other spaces within their control with a view to eliminate the need for the manual handling of excreta in the process of their cleaning.
- It shall be the duty of the appropriate Government to promote, through financial assistance incentives and otherwise, the use of modern technology, as mentioned in sub-section (1).

Where Manual Cleaning is Allowed

- for the removal of concrete or FRP (Fiber Reinforced Plastic) or damaged manhole door where mechanical equipment's cannot be put into operation.
- for inter-linking the newly laid sewer main with the existing sewer main, in case of sewer of size of more than 300 mm diameter.
- for removal of submersible pump sets fixed at the bottom of the suction wells.
- for the reconstruction of the manhole or rectification of the sewer main.
- Any circumstance, when it is absolutely necessary to have manual sewer cleaning, after the CEO of the local authority has permitted to do so after recording in writing the specific valid reasons for allowing such cleaning.

Source: Training Module for Sanitary Workers on Cleaning of Sewers and Septic Tanks by CPHEEO
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Session 3: Types and Methods of Cleaning
Types and Methods of Cleaning

Manual Cleaning
- Sectional Sewer Rods
- Scraper

Mechanical Cleaning
- Sewer Cleaning Bucket Machine
- Rodding Machine with Flexible Sewer Rod
- Hydraulically Propelled Devices
- Velocity Cleaners (Jetting Machine)
- Dredger (Clamp-Shell)
- Gully Emptier and OTHERS
Procedures for mechanical cleaning of Sewers

1. Reaching the site

- Selection of prospective employees for the sewer cleaning should take into account the duties they will be expected to perform;
- The complete hazard involved in the cleaning activity should be explained clearly to the employees by the supervisor and should get their consent in written before starting cleaning activities;
- A supervisor along with adequate machinery and staff shall reach the designated site, preferably during lean period of sewage flow in sewers;
- The supervisor shall have the names, address and emergency contact information of the staff involved in cleaning the sewers, and
- Appropriate protective gears and safety devices shall be worn by the staff before beginning the work of cleaning the sewers.

2. Identification and isolation of the area

3. Verify the presence of any gases or other hindrances

4. Removal of silt/wax (mechanically)

5. Leaving from the site
2
Identification and isolation of the area

• Identify the stretch to be cleaned and identify the manholes associated with the stretch;

• Barricade the area where cleaning is to be carried out; and

• A flag man shall be stationed at least 15 m ahead of the site and should be visible to incoming traffic for at least 150 m.

• Cones (similar to the one used by police) shall be placed on the road.

4
Removal of silt/wax (mechanically)

• Appropriate machines, at least to the extent specified in this SOP are to be used to remove the silt/wax;

• The operating procedures of these machines shall be strictly followed for cleaning; and

• The manhole cover shall be closed tightly after cleaning
5
Leaving from the site

- All the equipment/ machineries along with the protective gears and safety devices that had any direct contact with the sewage shall be cleaned properly as per the cleaning procedure specified by the manufacturer;
- All the equipment, safety gears, barricades etc. shall be removed from the working area and the crew shall move to the base or to the next site; and
- The entire operation shall be monitored and documented by the supervisor.

Procedures for mechanical cleaning of Septic Tanks

01 | Identification and Isolation of the area
02 | Reaching the Site
03 | Connect the hoses from truck to septic tank/ pit
04 | Leaving from the Site
05 | Open the tank, verify the presence of any gases or other hindrances and engage the vacuum equipment
Equipment for emptying and transportation

Rodding Tools

Tools to carry for desludging

Crow bar  Rope  First aid kit  Torch

Stick  Barricade tape  PH paper
Equipment for emptying and transportation

Sewer Suction Machine  
Safety Gear

Roles and responsibilities of individual carrying out the desludging services

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<th>Key Role and Responsibility</th>
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<td>Supervisor</td>
<td>To be in charge of all scheduled desludging activities. Need to manage the staff on-ground and provide them list of households to be desludged every day. Take care of any repairs and maintenance works of the suction emptier vehicle and take care of any essentials of truck operator and helper for service period. Convert daily forms into digital format.</td>
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<td>Truck operator</td>
<td>Truck operator is responsible to manage the suction emptier. Responsible to lay down pipes and operate the truck at household site and FSTP site. Fill up daily forms and submit to supervisor.</td>
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<td>Helper</td>
<td>Helper is responsible to help the truck operator in all means. Laying pipes, cleaning truck, taking care of spillage, etc.</td>
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<td>FSTP security guard</td>
<td>To maintain digital record of entry of the desludging truck</td>
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<td>FSTP operator</td>
<td>To check the inlet sludge quality and quantity. Responsible for the operations and maintenance of FSTP.</td>
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Session 4: Health & Sanitation
Orientation Program for Desludging Operators

Session 4: Health & Sanitation

Manual Scavenging
मानव द्वारा मैला ढोना

DEATH by deadly sewer gas: Laboures dead and two left in critical condition after inhaling toxic gases down Delhi hospital manhole

Bengaluru: 3 Manual scavengers die from suffocation after entering a manhole

The Nation

"Irfan Masih: When duty becomes death"

hindustantimes

Four found dead inside manhole in Hyderabad

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REPORTED DEATHS IN SEWERS OF INDIA

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From the 80’s to the 90’s
From the 90’s to Now

Dangers, health risks faced by sanitation workers

Physiological Health Issues
Psychological Issues
Physiological Health Issues

- Accidents and Injuries
- Musculoskeletal Disorders
- Gastrointestinal Disorders
- Respiratory Disorders
- Dermatological Disorders
- Ophthalmic Problems
- Infections

Types of occupational hazards.

**Biological Hazards**

Include pathogens e.g., bacteria, viruses, protozoa, parasitic worms, fungi) and other infectious microorganisms that can cause illnesses such as hepatitis, typhoid fever, dysentery and cholera. Inhaling or ingesting contaminated mists may result in serious illnesses.
Types of occupational hazards.

**Leptospirosis (Weil's disease)**

Occurs due to coming in contact with animals and their discharges. Leptospira are excreted in the urine of the infected animals.

*Symptoms are:*
- High Fever
- Headache
- Bleeding, Muscle Pains, Chills, Red eyes, and vomiting.
- Diarrhoea, Nausea
- Rashes or Red spots.

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**Gastroenteritis**

Bacterial Infection

*Symptoms:*
- Excessive burping.
- Feeling bloated.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Lack of appetite, or anorexia.
- Unexplained weigh loss.
- Foul Breadth.
Types of occupational hazards.

**Encephalitis**

- Bacterial Infection
- Symptoms:
  - Headache
  - Neck stiffness
  - Very high fever
  - Paralysis
  - Reduced consciousness perhaps coma

**PHYSICAL INJURIES**
Types of physical hazards associated with work

Limited way for entry and exit
Types of physical hazards associated with work

- slide,
- to roll over,
- slippery and
- falls due to oblique surfaces;

Be aware of...

Slips

Trips

Falls

Obstacles due to pipes and other structures
Types of physical hazards associated with work

Corroded stair treads

PRECAUTIONS
Keep Vaccinated - Polio

Transmission:
Orally by contaminated food/water

Effects-Muscle weakness, partial paralysis or permanent deformation.

Treatment - None

Keep Vaccinated - Tetanus

Transmission:
via cuts or punctures in skin

Effects - Muscle spasm or tightening of muscles in Jaw.

Treatment - Hospital/ Antibiotic
Keep Vaccinated- e.coli

Transmission-Orally, contaminated food/water, contact with infected person/animal

Effects- varied, generally mild fever, stomach cramps, diarrhea, vomiting.

Treatment- Hospital

Keep Vaccinated- Hepatitis A

Transmission-Orally via contaminated food/water, contact with infected person

Effects- Liver damage, Jaundice, Fever, vomiting

Treatment- Hospital
Psychological Issues

Due to heavy workload, the sanitary workers are undergoing lot of psychological impacts such as stress and depression. The psychological problems arise

- because of failure to adapt to the working environment,
- lack of job satisfaction,
- job insecurity,
- poor relationships among workers,
- lack of communication,
- emotional disturbances,
Session 5: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
Due to the nature of COVID-19 pandemic, I now have received a set of PPE from my employer. However, I cannot continue to wear my gumboots and mask for more than ten minutes as I start sweating in them.
What is PPE?

- Personal protective equipment, commonly referred to as "PPE", is equipment worn to minimize exposure to hazards that cause serious workplace injuries and illnesses.
- These injuries and illnesses may result from contact with chemical, radiological, physical, electrical, mechanical, or other workplace hazards.
- Personal protective equipment may include items such as gloves, safety glasses and shoes, earplugs or muffs, hard hats, respirators, or coveralls, vests and full body suits.

“I do not like to wear gloves and mask while working as it slows down my speed. I need to finish my work on time as I have to walk a lot due to the lack of public transportation amidst the lockdown. I do wear mask, when not working, to protect myself from coronavirus. I also wear all PPE when a supervisor visits me to oversee my work.”
What can be done to ensure proper use of personal protective equipment?

- All personal protective equipment should be safely designed and constructed, and should be maintained in a clean and reliable fashion.
- It should fit comfortably, encouraging worker use. If the personal protective equipment does not fit properly, it can make the difference between being safely covered or dangerously exposed.
- Workers should know how to use personal protective equipment:
  - When it is necessary
  - What kind is necessary
  - How to properly put it on, adjust, wear and take it off
  - The limitations of the equipment
  - Proper care, maintenance, useful life, and disposal of the equipment

When to use PPE

**Head Protection**
Should be worn in case of physical hazards such as impact due to falling object, collision with fixed objects at workplace. Type of helmet depends on the physical risk present at the workplace

**Face Protection**
Should be worn in case of risk of continuous droplets or splashes of fluids, heat from hot solid bodies and electric arcs.

**Lung Protection: Respirators**
Should be worn when working in confined space where there is risk of oxygen deficiency and or when concentration of toxics substances are at dangerous levels.

**Ear Protection**
Should be worn in case of risk of exposure to high decibels noise at the workplace. They are also recommended where continuous exposure to mist or droplets of fluids / spray is expected.

**Eye Protection**
Should be worn in case of risk of incidental impact of fragments and dusts, gases and droplets or splashes of fluids.

**Lung Protection: Face Masks**
Should be worn when there is risk of solids and liquid particles including nanoparticles such as dusts, fumes, mists, fibers, vapours, gases and microorganisms.
When to use PPE

**Hand Protection**
Hand Protection are classified as mechanical resistant and chemical resistant gloves. Mechanical resistant are recommended where there is higher risk of abrasion, cut, tear or puncture and incidental contact with hazardous liquids. Chemical resistant gloves are recommended where intentional contact with the hazardous liquid is expected and there is higher risk of penetration or permeation of chemicals into the gloves.

**Body Protection**
Body protection are used for as chemical & biological hazards, thermal hazards and high visibility. Further intentional and incidental exposure to hazard determines the type of body protection. These hazards in sanitation are mostly due to incidental exposure to hazardous substance. Intentional exposure is only observed in case of sewer workers engaged in manual cleaning of sewerage systems and septic tanks.

**Foot Protection**
Foot protection is recommended to protect the workers from physical and chemical hazards at the workplace. Foot protection helps to avoid injuries arising from contact from falling, rolling or cutting object, penetration from soles and uppers, contact with hazardous substances and slipping and falling on the wet surfaces. Types include – safety footwear, protective footwear and occupational footwear. Material – leather and similar material, rubber or all polymeric material.

Appropriate Combination of PPE
Sanitation Workers in Liquid Waste Management:
Desludging Staff, Mechanized Sewer Cleaning Staff and Treatment Plant Staff involved in O&M activities.
### Hand Protection

**Hard Hat**

Hard Hat with shell made out of polypropylene Co-Polymer with headband, harness, sweatband, peak and chinstrap. Recommended for use only when hazard of falling object, working at height or near open chambers.

### Ear Protection

**Ear Plugs**

Corded, flanged shaped ear plugs made out of non irritant and non allergic material. The ear plugs should be washable and reusable. Recommend for use only in case of noise hazard.

### Face Protection

**Face Shield**

Face shield made out of clear Polycarbonate having size 8.0” x 15.5” and thickness of 1.0 mm. The shield should be compatible with the safety hard hat.

**Safety Goggles**

Safety goggles must be light weight made out of clear Polycarbonate material offering high impact material and 99.9% UV protection.

### Lung Protection

**N 95 Face Mask**

N 95 face mask with exhalation valve and straps made out of Thermoplastic Elastomer, Aluminum nose clip, Polyurethane nose foam, Polypropylene filter, Polyester shell and cover web.

### Mechanical Resistant Gloves

Mechanical resistant, nitrile coated gloves having nylon lining, specialized grip such as dotted or sandy and knitted cuffs. Recommend to be worn for jobs which might include incidental contact with liquid hazardous waste or chemical.

### Chemical Resistant Gloves

Chemical resistant, nitrile gloves having flock lines inners, diamond finish grip, straight cuff, minimum thickness of 0.38 mm and length of 330 mm. Recommend to be worn on jobs which includes continuous and intentional contact with liquid hazardous waste or chemical.
**Full Sleeves Shirt**
High visibility full-sleeves shirt made out of high wicking polyester for comfortable use in hot and humid conditions. Presence of reflective strips for high visibility in low conditions is optional.

**Full Length Pants**
High visibility full length pants made out of polyurethane coated breathable polyester for comfortable use in hot and humid conditions and easy cleaning. Presence of reflective strips for high visibility in low light conditions is optional.

**Protective Footwear**
Protective footwear having steel toe with upper body made out of grain leather and polyurethane outsole for protection against physical hazards. Ankle length shoes when paired with full pants provides complete protection from incidental splashes of hazardous liquids.

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**Appropriate Combination of PPE**
Sanitation Workers in Liquid Waste Management
Sewer workers involved in manual cleaning of sewerage network or septic tanks.
**Hand Protection**

**Hard Hat**

Hard Hat with shell made out of Polypropylene Co-Polymer with headband, harness, sweatband, peak and chinstrap. Use of hard hat is mandatory when working in confined spaces such as sewerage system or tanks.

**Ear Protection**

**Ear Plugs**

Corded, flanged shaped ear plugs made out of non-irritant and non-allergic material. The ear plugs should be washable and reusable. Recommend for use only in case of noise hazard.

**Lung Protection**

**Full Face Respirator**

Full face respirators with replaceable filter cartridge. The mask is made out of clear Polycarbonate material and have high impact resistant. The silicone seal around the mask and thermoplastic elastomer, makes it air tight.

**PAPR**

Powered Air Purifying Respirator are full face respirator with battery powered blower. It is recommended for use in confined spaces which are well ventilated having concentration of the toxic substances at dangerous levels.

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**Lung Protection**

**SCBA**

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus is a full face respirator which comes with a cylinder which provides necessary oxygen for breathing. It is recommended for use in confined spaces having deficiency of oxygen such as sewers or underwater.

**Hand Protection**

**Chemical Resistant Gloves**

Chemical resistant, nitrile gloves having flock lined inners, diamond finish grip, straight cuff, minimum thickness of 0.38 mm and length of 330 mm. Recommended to be worn on jobs which includes continuous and intentional contact with liquid hazardous waste or chemical.

**Body Protection**

**Full Sleeves Shirt**

High visibility full- sleeves shirt made out of high wicking polyester for comfortable use in hot and humid conditions. Presence of reflective strips for high visibility in low conditions is optional.
**Body Protection**

**Full Sleeves Shirt**
Disposable Coveralls made out of non-woven polypropylene with polyethylene barrier film. The coveralls are breathable and protect the worker from incidental splashes of hazardous liquid waste.

**Foot Protection**
Full Length Pants
Chest Wader Suits made out of polyester coated with PVC, steel toe rubber shoes molded into the suit to provide complete water tightness.
These are recommended for use where the lower body of the worker will be continuous contact with hazardous liquid waste.

*The sewage proof diving suit are completely water tight from head to toe with integrated gloves and shoes. It comes with a diving helmet and inline air blower kept above the ground. This ensures continuous supply of fresh air for prolonged work under wastewater.*

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**Personal Protective Equipment : PPE**
Always remember

- PPE should be chosen based on gender
- PPE should be chosen based on size and fit of the person
- Damaged PPE should not be repaired or reused
- PPE should be cleaned and maintained once its usage is over
- Certified (IS, BIS, etc.) PPE to be used

VIDEO- 4
Session 6:
PPE- Donning & Doffing
Vocabulary

- PPE - Personal Protective Equipment
- Donning – putting on
- Doffing - taking off
Donning Procedure

1. Gown
2. Boots
3. Mask
4. Goggles
5. Helmet
6. Gloves

Donning Procedure

1. Gown/ Apron
   - Fully cover from neck to knees, arms to end of wrists, and wrap around the back.
   - Fasten in back of neck and waist
Donning Procedure

1. **Masks**
   - Secure ties or elastic bands at the middle of the head and neck
   - Fit flexible band to nose bridge
   - Fit snug to face and below chin

Donning Procedure

Google or Face Shield

- Place over face and eyes and adjust to fit.
Donning Procedure

4. Gloves
   Extend to cover wrist

Safety tips while wearing PPE

- Keep hands away from the face
- Perform hand hygiene
- Limit surfaces touched
- Change gloves when torn or heavily contaminated
Doffing Procedure

1. Gloves
2. Helmet
3. Goggles
4. Boots
5. Gown
6. Mask

Doffing Procedure

• Gloves
  o Outside of gloves are contaminated
  o Grasp outside of glove with opposite gloved hand; peel off
  o Hold removed glove in gloved hand
  o Slide fingers of ungloved hand under remaining glove at wrist
  o Peel glove off over first glove
  o Discard gloves in waste container
Doffing Procedure

- Google/ Face Shield
- Outside of google or face shield is contaminated
- To remove, handle by head band or ear pieces
- Place in waste container

Doffing Procedure

- Gown/ Apron
- Gown front and sleeves are contaminated
- Unfasten ties
- Pull away from neck and shoulders, touching inside of gown only
- Turn gown inside out
- Fold or roll into a bundle and discard
Doffing Procedure

- Mask
- Front of mask is contaminated – DO NOT TOUCH!
- Grasp bottom, then top ties or elastics and remove

Safety tips when removing PPE

- Perform hand hygiene immediately after removing the PPE
Donning & Doffing of PPE- Demonstration
Session 7:
Safe Sludge Disposal Practice
Desludging Practices

Desludging practices can be grouped into two categories:

- Demand based desludging
- Scheduled desludging
Demand based desludging practices

Demand based desludging - It takes place when there is a demand from the property owners or users to desludge their septic tanks, typically when their septic tanks are full.

Schedule desludging practices

Scheduled Desludging -
The scheduled desludging approach is essentially based on the need for regular desludging. Under this, all septic tanks in a city are desludged once during a fixed cycle. The schedule (usually three years or five years) is decided by the ULB and the service is provided by them to the households.
What are the risks associated with your work?
How you can work safely?

Objective

- What is the process of desludging
- Risks associated with cleaning of septic tank and sewerage
Process of desludging

Accident

An accident is an unplanned, unforeseen and uncontrolled event that occurs due to unsafe conditions or unsafe acts or both, causing injury or damage to property.
**Hazard**

Any situation that may result in an accident or contribute to the severity of the accident.
Which may result in injury or damage to property.
The process of doing work that is likely to cause an accident.

**Risk**

Risk is the possibility of injury or damage to property due to hazards encountered in your work.
Risk associated with the work of sanitation

- Illness/ Disease
- Injury
- Accident

Impact of accident

Listed below are the broad three impacts of accident:

1. Moral

2. Financial

3. Legal
**Cause of Accident**

- Overconfidence
- Disability
- peer pressure
- stress
- equipment failure
- access block
- Intentional bad decision

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**Septic tank is a confined space**

Confined space is identified as any region;
- limited means of access/
- Exit lack of oxygen
- accumulation of flammable vapors or any airborne contaminant
Examples of confined space

Risk associated with confined space

Dangerous Environment

- unsafe amount of flammable gas,
- vapor,
- haze, or dust
- harmful levels of a dangerous substance
Gases inside septic tanks and their effect

- Methane,
- Hydrogen Sulphide (H2S),
- Carbon di Oxide,
- Sulphur di Oxide
- Ammonia,
- Nitrogen Di Oxide
- Carbon Monoxide

Unsafe Environment

Unsafe Environment
1. the environment is toxic
2. Oxygen deficient (less than 19.5%), oxygen rich (more than 23.5%),
3. Flammable,

Safe Environment

- an environment that has been tested
- proven to be non-hazardous
Other Risks

- Falling object
- Rusted item such as
- Suffocating debris,
- Wet surfaces

These dangers become even more serious because it will be difficult for rescuers to reach the injured for help.

Simple techniques for gas detection

Lead Acetate Paper

Lead acetate paper is majorly used to detect the Hydrogen Sulphide gas.

Level of Oxygen - 19.5% - 23.5%
Gas Detector

Ventilation
ERGONOMICS
Manual Handling

Manual handling refers to lifting any one of the following:

- pick up
- carry weight
- pull
- pick up
- push

Why is it necessary to lift weights appropriately?

- Lower back pain
- Improves efficiency
- Reduces the risk of injury
Manual handling can be assessed by looking at four main factors

1. Type of Work
2. Load
3. Environment and
4. Personal Abilities
Control measures during sludge removal

- Elimination: Physically remove the hazard
- Substitution: Replace the hazard
- Engineering Controls: Isolate workers from the hazard
- Administrative Controls: Control the hazard
- PPE: Personal protective equipment

Sludge Disposal Practice
Desludging Process

Ease of access to the location of the septic tank

- wide good road
- easy to reverse
- Road near tank is good
- Ask the family members about the location of the tank
- Do not block the path of Ambulance and Fire trucks
- Don’t block the way for people to come and go

Process to check the tank
Before emptying the tank
• what to do and
• what not to do?

- Close septic tank cover properly
- clean the surrounding area
- don’t litter wash your hands
- open the way
- go after
Transportation of Sludge

Do not fill more than 80%

Caution while transporting faeces

- विभिन्न प्रकार के डी—कीलिंग / कैल्नुम ट्रक का उपयोग किया जाता है।
- डी—कीलिंग के लिए लाइसेंस और पृष्ठभूत ऑपरेटर के पास होने चाहिए।
- ड्राइवर का लाइसेंस हर समय उसके साथ होना चाहिए।

कैल्नुम ट्रक
Caution while transporting faeces

निर्यात रिसाहः

• निकले जाने वाले कीचड़ को हटाने के उपकरण साथ होने चाहिए (जैसे होंडस आदि)
• फैले हुए कीचड़ के प्रभाव से उपकरण साथ होने चाहिए (फायदा, चुना, संग्रह बैग और रंग आदि)

स्वास्थ्य और सुरक्षा:

• डी-स्लिजिंग ऑपरेटर को सड़क के नियमों और लैंडिंग साइट पर गतिविधियों का पालन करने की आवश्यकता होती है।
• कर्मचारियों का उबूर्दी पर रहते हुए हर समय स्वास्थ्य और सुरक्षा उपकरण का उपयोग करना चाहिए।
The following points should be kept in mind by the operator while transporting the sewage

- Heavy Truck Timings in city
- road map information
- Supervisor should be informed in case of tanker failure

Health and Safety Precautions during transportation of sludge

- In case of handling spilled sludge, wear the PPE
- Don’t smoke in the truck
- Supervisor should be informed in case of tanker failure
Safe disposal of sludge

Safe draining of sewage into FSTP plant

What to do in FSTP?

- Drain should be done only in FSTP plant
- Leakage should be taken care of while draining
- Stand the track near the STP tank
- Properly clean pipes and outlet valves when truck is empty
Proper way to dispose of Feaces

- Consider the Instruction of STP Plant
- Clean the truck after drain
- Use PPE properly

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Checklist for Prerequisites

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Session 8: Demonstration of Desludging
Session 9: Precautionary & Emergency Preparedness
Orientation Program for Desludging Operators

Session 9:
Precautions & Emergency Preparedness
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Emergency plan to execute the work shall be prepared before arriving at the site.
- The supervisor and all the crew members involved in sewer cleaning should be familiarized with the emergency plan;
- A tripod attached with rope & pulley and harness or some other suitable system shall be put in place for retrieving the injured worker;
- A first aid kit distinctly marked with a red cross on white back ground shall be readily available at the site which should at least have the items listed in Annexure-I.
- Wash-up material like soap & skin cream for applying on the body shall be adequately available at the site.
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- A list of medical care centers available near the site may be prepared and made readily available;
- Vehicle preferably an ambulance shall be available at the site for carrying the injured worker(s) to the hospital, in case of any emergency.

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**Minimum constituents of the first aid**

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GAS EMERGENCY

- If a gas emergency occurs everyone should immediately put on their escape sets (breathing apparatus) and raise the alarm.
- The men at the ground level are trained rescuers and they shall immediately send down the rescue sets and await the men working in sewer to come out. The men at the ground level shall attempt to rescue the man inside sewer with all the equipment at their disposal.
- If there is a casualty, he should be propped up out of sewage in a comfortable position. Immediately call the emergency services (ambulance, fire brigade). When the victim has the gas mask on the face and if he is breathing, a rescuer should always be with him because he may vomit thereby choking the supply of oxygen.
- Guidelines for giving first-aid to a gas victim are given below:
  a. Remove him to fresh air as soon as possible.
  b. Apply artificial respiration with an oxygen resuscitation if he is not breathing. If one is not available, apply mouth to mouth breathing; and
  c. Keep him lying down and wait for an ambulance.
PRECAUTIONS

• Precautions against Gas Hazards
• Precautions against Infection
• Precautions to be taken while working near Vehicular Traffic
Precautions against Gas Hazards

The following shall not be allowed,

(a) smoking,
(b) open flames and
(c) spark

• Erect warning signs.
• Use only safety gas-proof electric lighting equipment or mirror for reflection of light
• Test the atmosphere for noxious gases and oxygen deficiencies

Precautions against Infection

• The workers should be educated about the hazards of waterborne diseases such as typhoid and cholera through sewage and tetanus through cuts and wounds.
• The importance of personal hygiene should be emphasized and the worker should be instructed to keep finger nails short and well-trimmed, wash hands with soap and hot water before taking food and to keep fingers out of nose, mouth and eyes, because the hands carry most infection
• Use of rubber gloves shall be insisted so that sewage or sludge does not come in direct contact with hand. Before starting work, skin likely to be exposed to sewage should be covered with barrier cream.
• The worker should be provided with a complete change of work clothes to be worn during working hours. Gum boots should also be provided for the workers.
• When the work is completed, thoroughly wash all contaminated parts of the body.
Precautions to be taken while working near Vehicular Traffic

- Workers (on foot) exposed to vehicular traffic must wear fluorescent flagging garments.
- Workers shall not wear any type of headgear that can interfere with hearing back up alarms, warnings, etc.
- When hazards to workers exist because of vehicular traffic, use traffic controls in conformance with the Local Transport Authority.
- Additionally, controls such as detours, warning signs, or barricades shall be used when necessary. Flagmen are required where these controls are ineffective.
- Wherever mobile equipment operation encroaches upon a public thoroughfare, a system of traffic controls must be used.
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Session 10: Government Schemes
Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS)

SRMS provides the following benefits to the identified Manual Scavengers(MS):

- Onetime cash assistance of Rs.40000/-.
- Skill Development Training with Stipend of Rs.3000/- per month.
- Loans upto Rs. 15 lakh for income generating activities with capital subsidy upto Rs. 5,00,000/-.

In addition, SRMS also provides the following:

- Organising Health Camps.
- Organising Workshops for Sewage/Septic Tank Workers, Officers, Engineers, Contractors of municipalities.
- Behavioral Skill Development Training to sanitation workers.
- Coverage of MS under Ayushman Bharat, PM-JAY.
Assistance for Sanitation Related Project: SRMS

**Eligibility:** Identified Manual Scavengers, Sanitation Workers and their dependants.

**Capital subsidy:**

- Projects upto Rs. 5.00 lakh: 50% of project cost
- Projects between Rs. 5.00 lakh to Rs. 15.00 lakh: Rs. 2.50 lakh + 25% of the remaining project cost between Rs. 5.00 lakh to Rs. 15.00 lakh

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**Capital subsidy for Group Projects:**

- Maximum Project Cost: upto Rs. 50.00 lakh
- Maximum project share per beneficiary: Rs. 10.00 lakh per beneficiary
- Maximum capital subsidy per beneficiary: Rs. 3.75 lakh. Rs. 2.50 lakh for project cost upto Rs. 5.00 lakh + 25% of remaining project cost
Assistance for Sanitation Related Project: SRMS

Interest subsidy

Rate of Interest: 6% p.a.
Interest subsidy: For rate of interest charged by bank over and above 6%
Repayment Period: Upto 7 years, including moratorium period upto 6 months
EXPECTATIONS FROM ULBs

1. Assessment of sewer septic tank cleaning process and need for deployment of additional equipments/vehicles and related funds to ensure complete mechanization of the process.

2. Nominating Safai Karamcharis/Dependents from ULB as the beneficiary of the scheme for taking up related Sanitation Enterprise.

3. Providing long term and assured mechanized cleaning work contract to the target group of NSKFDC and their inclusion in the panel of approved service providers.

4. Arrangement to deduct the EMI and remit the same to the Bank from the payments due to the applicant by the Municipality to boost confidence of banker in lending to them.

5. Support in Liaisoning with banker/channel agency of NSKFDC for provision of loan to the beneficiaries. A Letter of Assurance regarding assured work may be provided to the banker.

SUY DIRECT LOANS TO ULBs

- NSKFDC also provides financial assistance to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) for procurement and operation of sanitation related equipments/vehicles for mechanized cleaning as per the details given below:

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<th>Per Unit Cost</th>
<th>Beneficiary Profile</th>
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<th>NSKFDC Share</th>
<th>ULB Contribution</th>
<th>Repayment Period</th>
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<td>Upto Rs 50.00 lac*</td>
<td>Municipal Corporations/ Municipalities/ULBs/ Public Health &amp; Engineering Dept/ Cantonment Boards etc.</td>
<td>4%* (Further 1% rebate for timely repayment)</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>Maximum upto 10 Years</td>
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* No of units could be more that 1

Process of Application:

I. The MoA to be executed between NSKFDC and the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to implement the scheme.

II. Submission of proposal for sanction and release of funds to NSKFDC along with Electronic Clearing Service (ECS) instruction in favour of NSKFDC for repayment.
SUPPORT REQUESTED FROM ULBs

• Persuasion with Canara Bank local branches to facilitate Loans to the identified Sanitation Workers/Dependents nominated by the ULB and support in completion of documentation formalities required by Bank.

• Take up the Loan cases with other banks as well, preferably the bank in which ULB is having bank account.

• ULBs which have not organised Loan Mela’s are requested to promote some Sanitation entrepreneurs by nominating suitable persons as beneficiaries and providing assured mechanised cleaning work to them.

• ULBs desirous of above may intimate the same to NSKFDC through MoHUA so that necessary tie-ups and arrangements could be made accordingly.

Pradhan Mantri Surakhsa Bima Yojana
Introduction: Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana

- Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana is a government-backed accident insurance scheme offering accidental death and disability cover.
- The Scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 9, 2015.
- The scheme offers coverage from 1st June to 31st May.
- The new entrants who did not join in the earlier years will be able to join in the subsequent years while the scheme is still valid.

What does Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana offer?

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<td>Permanent loss of sight in one eye or loss of use of one hand or one foot</td>
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Introduction: Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY)

- Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) is a scheme as part of Atmanirbhar Bharat to supply free food grains to migrants and poor.

- The PMGKAY scheme for Phase VI from April-September, 2022 would entail an estimated additional food subsidy of Rs. Rs. 80,000 Crore.
Benefits

- People will be provided 5 kg free wheat/rice per person/month along with 1 kg free whole chana to each family per month.
- Wheat has been allocated to 6 States/UTs, - Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Chandigarh, Delhi and Gujarat and rice has been provided to the remaining States/UTs.

Eligibility

- Families belonging to the Below Poverty Line - Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AYY) and Priority Households (PHH) categories will be eligible for the scheme.
- PHH are to be identified by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations as per criteria evolved by them. AAY families are to be identified by States/UTs as per the criteria prescribed by the Central Government:
  - Households headed by widows or terminally ill persons or disabled persons or persons aged 60 years or more with no assured means of subsistence or societal support.
  - Widows or terminally ill persons or disabled persons or persons aged 60 years or more or single women or single men with no family or societal support or assured means of subsistence.
  - All primitive tribal households.
  - Landless agriculture labourers, marginal farmers, rural artisans/craftsmen such as potters, tanners, weavers, blacksmiths, carpenters, slum dwellers, and persons earning their livelihood on daily basis in the informal sector like porters, coolies, rickshaw pullers, hand cart pullers, fruit and flower sellers, snake charmers, rag pickers, cobblers, destitutes and other similar categories in both rural and urban areas.
- All eligible Below Poverty Line families of HIV positive persons.
Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM)

Introduction: Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM)

- Government of India has introduced a pension scheme for unorganised workers namely Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) to ensure old age protection for Unorganised Workers.
- The unorganised workers whose monthly income is Rs 15,000/ per month or less and belong to the entry age group of 18-40 years.
- They should not be covered under New Pension Scheme (NPS), Employees’ State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) scheme or Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
- Further, he/she should not be an income tax payer.
Features of PM-SYM

It is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme, under which the subscriber would receive the following benefits:

1. Minimum Assured Pension:
2. Family Pension
3. If a beneficiary has given regular contribution and died due to any cause (before age of 60 years), his/her spouse will be entitled to join and continue the scheme subsequently by payment of regular contribution or exit the scheme as per provisions of exit and withdrawal.

Contribution by the Subscriber

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Gender and PWD

Specific points to be kept in mind regarding Gender and PWDs:

- Use inclusive language in the workplace.
- Setup a complaints process to resolve any gender-based issues as quickly as possible.
- Ensure ramps and lifts are available for easy accessibility for the PWD / Differently-abled.
- Help PWDs overcome the challenges they face on the daily basis.
- Respecting every employee and customer irrespective of gender, caste, colour etc.
- Ask the employee if they face any kind of discrimination from time to time.
- Discuss about government platforms with them to keep them aware of their rights.
- Asking employees about improvement ideas or suggestions for the workplace.

Working effectively with co-workers

The following characteristics are needed to work effectively with co-workers:

- Be honest and straightforward.
- Share the workload equally and help others if necessary.
- Treat others with respect and dignity.
- Be an active listener and speak discreetly when communicating with your colleagues.
- Acknowledge the contributions of your team members.
- Every new employee must be properly trained before the start of work.
- Review your co-workers work from time to time and assist wherever necessary.
Communicating and Interacting with co-workers

When you are working with a team, gather everyone’s opinions and best ideas. It is also important to use their time and energy efficiently. The following points should be considered:

- Always be polite and open to suggestions.
- Communicate your views openly using the appropriate language with due respect.
- Allow people to share alternative ideas.
- Always explain your decision and reason behind your choice.

If you are the leader, assign tasks according to the person’s ability and area of expertise and briefly explain what to do and why.

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Annexure 1: Sample Pre-Post Test

How long before the septic tank should be opened for cleaning

What is/are the precaution(s) to be taken when a sewer or a manhole is required to be entered for cleaning or clearing an obstruction?

A) Wear proper PPE kit
B) Smoking, open flames and spark shall not be allowed at the site
C) Erect warning signs
D) All of the above
Arrange the steps of mechanical cleaning of Septic Tanks (from Step 1 to Step 5):

A. Replace & seal the cover with plaster.
B. Break the mortar seal and inspect the tank for cracks or damage.
C. Clean up any spillage using proper sorbent materials.
D. Break up sludge and empty the septic tanks between 90% and 95%.
E. Connect the hoses from the truck to the tank or pit to be emptied.

Which of the following are protective gears and safety devices used while cleaning sewers and septic tanks?

a. Safety helmet
b. Breath mask
c. Safety body harness
d. Crowbar
e. Artificial respiration/reticulate
f. Water bottles/containers
Annexure 2: Sample Registration Sheet

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<th>Date: Date:</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Designation</th>
<th>Contact No.</th>
<th>Sex</th>
<th>Government/Private</th>
<th>Type of ULB</th>
<th>Name of ULB</th>
<th>Signature Day 1</th>
<th>Signature Day 2</th>
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### Training for Sanitation Workers

**Feedback Form**

**Date-** ____________________

**Participants Name:** ________________________________________________________

**Contact Number:** ___________________________________________________________

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<td>How was the registration process to be part of the training?</td>
<td>![Smiley Faces] ![Smiley Faces] ![Sad Face]</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>How happy are you with the training curriculum and content?</td>
<td>![Smiley Faces] ![Smiley Faces] ![Sad Face]</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>How happy are you with regard to the training tools used?</td>
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<td>How happy are you with the trainer?</td>
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<td>Did you enjoy being part of the training? (Participative/Non Participative)</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>How useful do you think the training was in your opinion?</td>
<td>![Smiley Faces] ![Smiley Faces] ![Sad Face]</td>
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| 7.    | What else do you think should be made part of the training which would be useful for you? | I. More Videos  
II. Games  
III. Interactive Content  
IV. Group Exercises  
V. No change  
VI. Any other  
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| 8.    | Anything else that you would like to share/query you would like to raise |        |
Annexure 4: Link for Training Videos

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<td>Session 2- Laws pertaining to sanitary workers</td>
<td>Safai Mitra Suraksha Movie</td>
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<td>Session 3- Desludging Process</td>
<td>Faecal Sludge Management</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Session 5- Personal protective equipment (PPE)</td>
<td>Zindagi Bula Rahi Hai</td>
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Annexure 5: Checklist for Pre-requisites

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<td>Did you barricade the area of work?</td>
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<td>Have you opened upstream and downstream manholes?</td>
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<td>Is there a regular overflow?</td>
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<td>What kind of area is it?</td>
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<td>Does the worker have the safety equipments?</td>
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<td>Has the worker applied oil?</td>
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<td>Is the sewage cleaning machine available?</td>
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<td>Is the suction of the cleaning machine verified?</td>
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<td>If yes, is it in good condition?</td>
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<td>Has the stagnant sewage water been cleared from the overflowing manhole?</td>
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<td>Is the health condition of the worker acceptable?</td>
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<td>Are the pipelines silted?</td>
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<td>Where is the chockage?</td>
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<td>Is there an Oxygen Cylinder?</td>
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If yes, choose the appropriate option: Pipe leading to Manhole
Annexure 6: Minimum Constituents of First Aid

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<td>Air compressor for blower</td>
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Annexure 8: Certificate Prototype

Pithampur Municipal Council & Population Services International, India
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Certificate of Merit
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We wish you the best for your future endeavors!

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