

“Can India Clean at Night”

(Debate in 250,000 strong Swachh Bharat citizen community)

How can India Clean at Night:

1. Municipal workers could be deployed in shifts like in other industries
2. Modern equipment should be bought to assist in increasing worker efficiency
3. Workers who do the night shift should be given special allowances
4. The home dustbins could just be kept outside the house at nights for the municipality to clear them
5. The process should be divided in two parts:
 - i. Cleaning group in Night Time (before 5 am)
 - ii. Observer & Inspection group before 8.00 am Day time
6. If public reports garbage anywhere in city after 8.00 am then Observer & Inspection group should be held responsible
7. Night shifts should be on a rotational basis
8. Private companies could be hired to assist the Municipality at nights
9. Home cleaning could be conducted in the second half of the day between 1 pm - 8 pm and place garbage out at night
10. Offices could clean post closure starting 7/8 pm and place garbage out by 10 pm.
11. This process will also optimise utilisation of collection resources, with faster collection and transfer

Here are some things that will have to be considered in the implementation:

1. Non-availability of street lights at night in many places
2. Supervising and managing the workers could be an issue
3. Attitude of officials - Resistance to a new process as it requires deviation from existing routine. Also, it involves night working for some workers
4. Attitude of people - Hard to adopt a new system. At present household garbage is taken away in the forenoon. In new system, garbage will go out at night
5. Households that employ individual part or full time help for cleaning will have to ensure that cleaner is able to adjust their schedule and work from 1-8 pm timings.