



Varanasi Nagar Nigam Partners with RECL to revamp its Solid Waste Management system

~Signs agreement with RECL to manage huge amount Solid Waste generated in the holy city

New Delhi | June 30, 2016: The Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) today facilitated an agreement between Varanasi Nagar Nigam (VNN) and Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (RECL) for installing automated and mechanized system for solid waste collection and transportation in 14 model wards of Varanasi. Under the agreement, RECL, through its CSR funds, has proposed to financially support VNN towards the setting up of processes required to manage its solid waste management chain in these 14 wards.

Varanasi, one of the most visited tourist destinations in India, generates an average of 650 Metric Tonnes



of municipal waste on a daily basis. The support extended by RECL would help VNN in ensuring timely sweeping, collection and transportation Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) in the holy city on a daily basis. VNN has identified 14 mass centric wards along the ghats of river Ganga, including busy market areas and other public places, as model wards in order to commence the much needed waste management process in the congested city.

Speaking on the announcement, Shri

Praveen Prakash, Joint Secretary, The Ministry of Urban Development & Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission, said "Cleanliness has been an age-old problem in Varanasi, given the amount of waste generated in the ancient city as a result of the high footfall witnessed all year long. I want to thank RECL for the support extended to VNN to achieve the Swachh Bharat objectives set for the city towards effectively managing solid waste. It's great to see many such companies coming forward and extending their support through their CSR efforts."

This is the fourth such agreement VNN has gotten into in recent times with different Corporates & PSUs to revamp its solid waste management system.





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