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## MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS WITH AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA FOR A 'SWACHH VARANASI'

~ Big boost to Swachh Bharat Mission, AAI signs an agreement with Varanasi Nagar Nigam (VNN)

**New Delhi | March 29, 2016:** Under Swachh Bharat Mission, a tripartite agreement was signed today between the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD), Varanasi Nagar Nigam (VNN) and Airports Authority of India (AAI), to set up a credible mechanized and automatized system for solid waste collection and transportation in 14 wards of Varanasi, on a pilot basis. Under this agreement, while AAI will be contributing both monetarily and in kind, MoUD will provide technical and financial support to the project.

Varanasi, one of the most visited tourist destinations in India, generates an average of 650 Metric Tonnes of municipal waste on a daily basis. Varanasi Nagar Nigam has identified 14 different wards along the ghats of river Ganga, with a population of about 1.1 lakh to implement the 3 year long pilot project.

Speaking on the announcement, **Shri Praveen Prakash, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development & Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission**, said *"I am confident that the Varanasi Nagar Nigam (VNN) will benefit immensely from this arrangement, and I would like to thank the Airport Authority of India for extending their support. Based on the outcome, we will see if similar arrangements can be applied to other cities."*

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