

Editorial Note on Garbage Pollution

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Editorial

Garbage is the term used to describe items that have been abandoned by people because they are no longer useful or serve a function. The introduction of pollutants into the natural environment that produces negative effects is referred to as pollution. Rubbish and pollution are two concerns that are frequently related, with garbage polluting the natural environment. Garbage pollution is a major issue on a worldwide scale. Every day, we generate so many things and discard so much rubbish that garbage and waste disposal has become a serious ecological disaster. Any forms of food waste, household rubbish and operational waste, as well as all plastics, cargo residues, incinerator ashes, cooking oil, fishing gear and animal carcasses generated during normal ship operations, are considered garbage. Garbage, such as cigarette butts, plastic bags, bottles, cans and discarded fishing gear, is a frequent source of pollution in the ocean.

Segregation of specific sorts of waste has long been practised in India. For generations, newspapers, bottles, magazines, old exercise books and oil cans have been kept and sold to local collectors called kabadiwalas. We used to swap old kitchenware for clothing as well as sell rubbish. So, at one point, we were really ecologically conscious. This is no longer the case. We squander a lot of things and toss away a lot of stuff that ends up in a landfill, polluting the earth and everything else.

Marine trash contamination caused by the shipping industry is a serious

issue. It is also a well-known issue, although it is underappreciated in certain ways. Ships' garbage is equally as dangerous to marine life and human health as oil or chemicals. Because they are more visible and may rapidly become political, the latter two attract a lot more attention at a regional and worldwide level.

Now is the time to treat this issue extremely seriously. There is no time to spend when it comes to global warming and the degradation of natural ecosystems. Governments, municipal governments and individuals all around the world are taking waste separation extremely seriously and there are several recycling and reuse initiatives. This is the only viable option. We are not as forceful in India, yet we continue to dump here, there and everywhere.

When pollution first became a topic of discussion, it was recognised as a major danger to human health and natural resources. The long-term effects of pollution, on the other hand, appear to have been neglected. The majority of people seem to think about air pollution in terms of automobile emissions. It is, however, far larger than that.

This issue emerges when we hand over the solution to the government, making the solution more complex. This shift in thinking will have to occur across society. We will be able to take real and proactive actions toward waste disposal as a result of this. We must remember that while rubbish dumped in the wrong location is a serious problem, properly handled garbage is also a valuable resource.

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