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Waste Treatment Techniques for Utilization in Various Cities of India

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ABSTRACT: India is facing a significant challenge in managing its increasing urban waste, which is a result of the country's growing population and urbanization. Traditional waste disposal methods, such as open dumping and burning, have negative impacts on public health and the environment. To address this issue, various waste treatment techniques have been implemented in different cities across India. This study aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of waste treatment techniques utilized in various Indian cities. The study involved a systematic review of relevant literature, interviews with waste management experts, and site visits to selected cities. The study on waste treatment techniques for utilization in various cities of India aims to evaluate and compare the different waste treatment techniques that are currently in use in different Indian cities. The paper highlights the challenges of waste management in India, including the rapidly growing population, increasing urbanization, and inadequate waste treatment infrastructure. The paper discusses some of the commonly used waste treatment techniques in India, including landfilling, composting, bio-methanation, and waste-to-energy conversion. The paper also discusses the success factors and challenges associated with each of these techniques. The study concludes that a comprehensive waste management plan that combines multiple waste treatment techniques and promotes waste reduction and segregation at source is necessary for sustainable waste.

KEYWORDS: Waste treatment techniques, Indian cities, Waste reduction, Waste segregation at source

I. INTRODUCTION

India is facing a significant challenge in managing the ever-increasing amount of waste generated by its rapidly growing urban population. Improper waste management practices have resulted in environmental pollution and public health hazards. To address this issue, Indian cities are implementing various waste treatment techniques, including solid waste and liquid waste treatment. The utilization of waste treatment techniques varies among Indian cities, depending on factors such as population, available resources, and government policies. Some cities have implemented more advanced techniques, such as waste-to-energy conversion, while others have focused on simpler techniques, such as composting and landfilling. Liquid waste treatment techniques include sewage treatment plants, constructed wetlands, and bioremediation. Despite the progress made in waste management practices, there is still a long way to go in India to implement sustainable waste management practices effectively. The effective utilization of waste treatment techniques in Indian cities is essential to mitigate the adverse impact of waste generation on public health and the environment. This requires the support of the government, public participation, and investment in research and development to identify innovative and sustainable waste management solutions.

II. RELATED WORK

This paper aims to explore the utilization of waste treatment techniques in different Indian cities and identify the challenges and opportunities in promoting sustainable waste management practices in India. By analyzing the current state of waste management practices in Indian cities, this study will provide insights into the best practices and strategies for sustainable waste management in the country. To address this issue, Indian cities are implementing various waste treatment techniques, including solid waste management, liquid waste management, and biomedical waste management. The utilization of waste treatment techniques varies among Indian cities, depending on factors such as population, available resources, and government policies.

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III. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Waste characterization:

The first step in waste management is to understand the composition and quantity of waste generated in a particular city. This includes identifying the type of waste generated, its quantity, and its chemical and physical properties.

3.1.1 Identification of appropriate waste treatment technique:

Once the waste characterization is done, the next step is to identify the appropriate waste treatment technique for that particular city. The choice of technique should be based on various factors such as the type and quantity of waste generated, the availability of land and resources, and the environmental impact of the technique.

3.1.2 Feasibility study on Different cities:

After identifying the appropriate waste treatment technique, a feasibility study should be conducted to determine the economic, social, and environmental feasibility of implementing the technique in the city. This involves assessing the cost of the technique, the availability of resources and infrastructure, and the impact on the environment and public health.

3.1.3 Monitoring and evaluation:

After the feasibility study, the waste treatment technique can be implemented in the city. This involves setting up the necessary infrastructure, such as waste collection, transportation, and processing facilities.

Once the waste treatment technique is implemented, it is important to monitor its performance and evaluate its effectiveness in achieving the desired outcomes. This involves monitoring the quality of the treated waste, the environmental impact of the technique, and the cost-effectiveness of the process. Waste management is an ongoing process, and there is always room for improvement. Continuous improvement involves identifying areas for improvement, implementing changes, and monitoring the results to ensure that the waste management system is efficient, effective, and sustainable.

3.2 Identification of appropriate waste treatment technique:

3.2.1 Solid waste treatment technique:

Landfill:-is one of the inexpensive methods of solid waste disposal. Landfill involves burying of waste into the ground. It is the most common practice of waste disposal in most cities. Abandoned sites, mines, quarries or low lying regions are often used for land filling. In case of urban towns and small cities, the unwanted waste is dumped in the low lying areas to level the ground for various uses.

Converting:-the organic waste into gaseous product through combustion is called Incineration. Incineration can be employed both at small and large scale. In the cases where there is severe land scarcity, incineration can be a better option. While employing incineration techniques for waste disposal, one should ensure that gases emitting out of incineration process should not harm the environment. Incinerators are best suited to dispose the harmful waste components. Example: Medical waste where it is not advisable to practice landfill to avoid potential harm it can cause on humans, environment and ecosystems.

Energy production (biogas):-Recovering energy from organic waste is also an effective way of waste management in the absence of oxygen, organic waste broken down into biogas which can be used as renewable source of energy. Biodegradable waste such as sewage, cattle waste, agricultural or green waste etc. is

digested through an anaerobic process to produce biogas. Biogas contains Methane (CH₄) and Carbon dioxide (CO₂) and also has a small amount of Hydrogen Sulphide (H₂S). Biogas can be used for cooking or to produce electricity.

Incineration: Incineration is "the process of reducing combustible waste to an inert residue by high temperature burning". It is not a complete method of solid waste disposal; the by-products of combustion are ash and gases, including noxious gases, particles and heat energy. The main advantage of incineration compared with other methods of waste treatment and disposal is the large reduction in the volume of material requiring final disposal.

Compost pit: Traditionally the rural communities in India have been practising and also having rich knowledge on compost pit recycling techniques. Bio waste collected from humans and cattle is dumped into compost pit and kept for 6-8 months. Later the stocked waste /compost applied in the agriculture field as manure. The composting techniques of rural communities can be further improved by creating awareness among them to adopt better and improved techniques.

Garbage bin: In addition to collecting waste from household and commercial establishments, it is also important to place garbage bins in the streets and lanes of the villages and cities to collect waste materials from the community members and other commuters. These bins should also have two compartments. Each compartment of dust bin should have clear indications and guidelines so that an illiterate person can also discard the waste appropriately into bio and non-biodegradable bins.

3.3 liquid waste treatment techniques:-

- 3.3.1 **Screens:** generally the standard parameters of screens are width should be in between 6mm to 20mm, depth should be in between 30mm to 80mm, dia of bars should be in between 6mm to 12mm and the spacing between the bars should be in between 6mm to 40mm. After designing the screens obtained values are width is 9mm, depth is 50mm, dia of bars is 6mm, and spacing of bars is 36mm.
- 3.3.2 **Grit Chamber:** generally the standard parameters of grit chamber are length should be in between 7.5m to 20m, width should be in between 1m to 7m, depth should be in between 1m to 5m. After designing the grit chamber obtained values are length is 15m, width is 1.5m, and depth is 1m.
- 3.3.3 **Skimming Tank:** generally the standard parameters of skimming tank are length should be in between 0.6m to 1m, width should be in between 0.5m to 1m, depth should be in between 1m to 1.5m. After designing the skimming tank obtained values are length is 0.83m, width is 0.8m, and depth is 1m.
- 3.3.4 **Sedimentation Tank:** generally the standard parameters of sedimentation tank are length should be maximum up to 90m, width should be maximum 30m, depth should be minimum 2m, and freeboard should be 0.6(max). After designing the sedimentation tank obtained values are length is 76m, width is 18m, depth is 4m, and free board is 0.5m.
- 3.3.5 **Trickling Filter:** generally the standard parameters of trickling filter are dia should be in between 30m to 60m and depth should be in between 1.2m to 1.8m. After designing the trickling filter obtained values are dia is 41.5m and depth is 1.8m.
- 3.3.6 **Aeration Tank:** generally the standard parameters of aeration tank are length should be in between 30m to 100m, width should be in between 5m to 10m, and depth should be in between 3m to 4.5m. After designing the aeration tank obtained values are length is 85m, width is 10m, and depth is 3.6m.
- 3.3.7 **Drying Beds:** generally the standard parameters of sludge drying beds are length should be in



between 30m to 45m, and width should be in between 6m to 15m. after designing the sludge drying beds obtained values are length 30.3m, and width 15m.

3.4 Feasibility study on Different cities:-

1 Indore:- Indore City, located in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, has been implementing various waste treatment technologies to manage its solid waste. The city generates around 1600 metric tonnes of solid waste per day, and the city administration has been working on waste management since 2023.

2. Surat :- Surat City, located in the western Indian state of Gujarat, has been implementing various waste treatment technologies to manage its solid waste. The city generates around 1800 metric tonnes of solid waste per day, and the city administration has been working on waste management since 2023.

3. Navi Mumbai :- Navi Mumbai is a rapidly growing city in Maharashtra, India, with a population of over 1.7 million. The city generates a 1400 Tonnes amount of waste, which needs to be treated to prevent environmental pollution and health hazards.

4 Mysore :- Mysore City, located in the Indian state of Karnataka, has a population of over 1.5 million and generates 600 tonnes amount of waste. The city has implemented various waste treatment technologies to manage and dispose of this waste effectively

IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

From the following investigation we have get the results:

S.No.	CITIES	Waste per day (Tonnes)	Organic Waste In (%)	Recyclables In (%)	Other In (%)
1	INDORE	1600	45%	20%	35%
2	SURAT	1800	50%	35%	15%
3	NAVI MUMBAI	1400	33%	23%	44%
4	MYSORE	600	44%	20%	36%
5	DELHI	9000	60%	30%	10%

Table.1–waste characterization studies

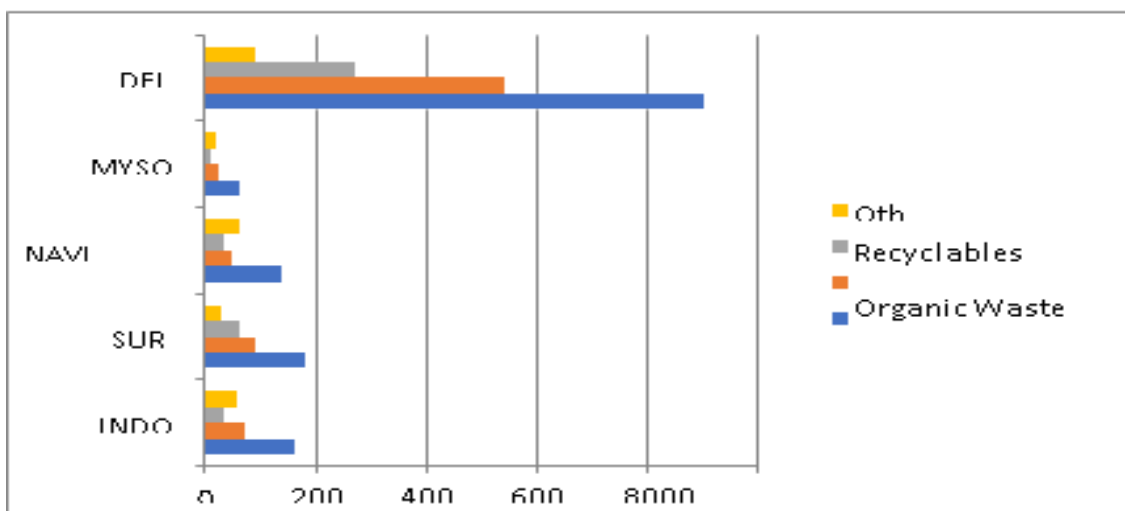


Figure1. waste characterization in per day.



S.No.	CITIES	Waste per day (Tonnes)	Treated Waste In (%)	Untreated Waste In (%)
1	INDORE	1600	80%	20%
2	SURAT	1800	90%	10%
3	NAVI MUMBAI	1400	95%	5%
4	MYSORE	600	85%	15%
5	DELHI	9000	75%	25%

Table -2: Waste Treated studies

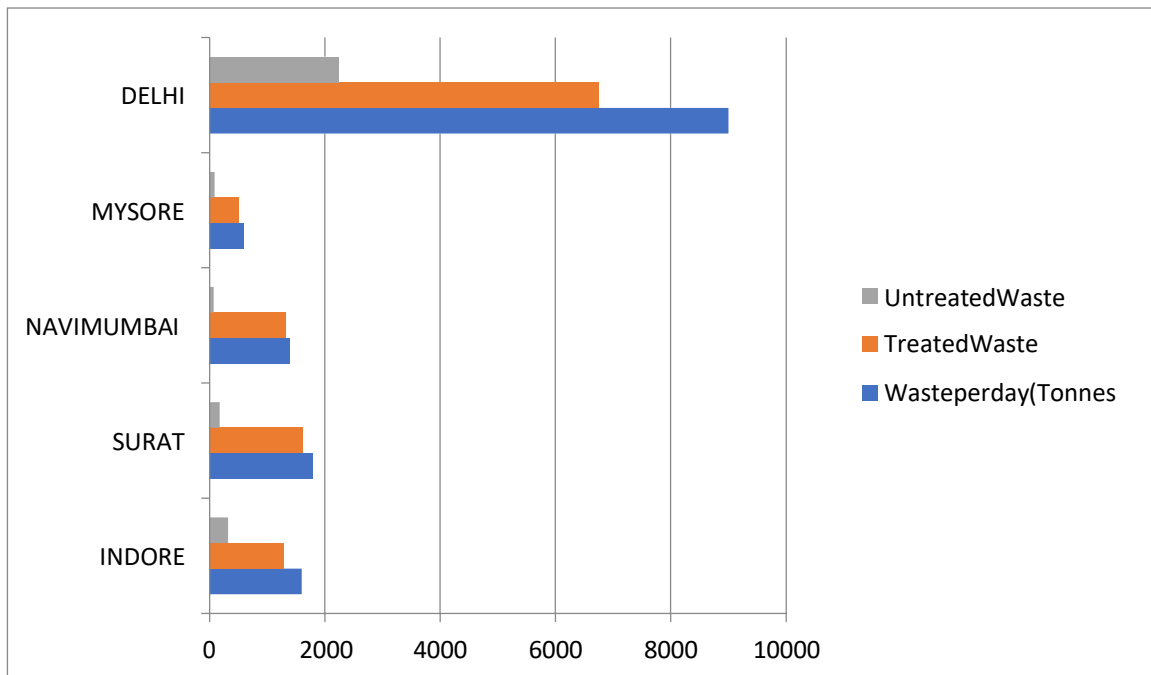


Figure 2. Waste Treated in per day

V. CONCLUSION

From the result of this study, The research paper explores the waste treatment techniques used in various cities of India with the aim of identifying effective methods for waste management. The study was conducted through a literature review of published articles, reports and case studies on waste management practices in India. The research findings suggest that different cities in India use different waste treatment techniques depending on their specific needs and resources. Some common waste treatment techniques include landfilling, composting, incineration, and recycling. The paper also identifies the challenges faced by various cities in implementing waste management practices, such as inadequate infrastructure, lack of public awareness, and insufficient government support. The research concludes by recommending the adoption of a more integrated and sustainable approach to waste management, including the use of innovative technologies and community participation, to achieve a cleaner and greener environment in India.



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