

Concept Note on *Swachh Srishti*

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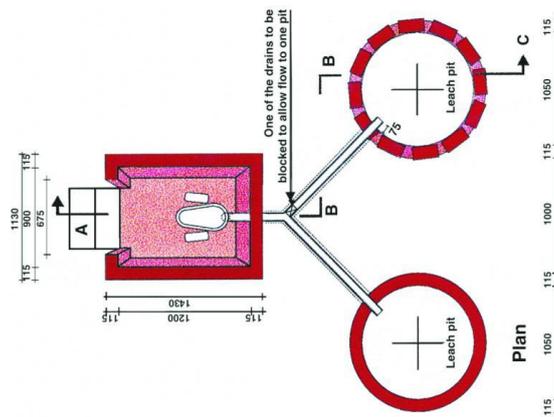
To pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th Birth Anniversary, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his speech on 15th August 2014 called upon the country to end the practice of open defecation by 2019. To make India Clean, *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* has been launched by the Government of India in 2014.

It was Mahatma Gandhi who emphasized on this critical issue and said: "Sanitation is more important than political independence". Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak, Founder, Sulabh Sanitation & Social Reform Movement, set up Sulabh International Social Service Organisation in 1970. Sulabh has constructed about 1.5 million household toilets; 8,500 community / public toilets and 16,000 school toilets in different parts of the country. Along with construction of toilets, the focus of Dr. Pathak was to release and rehabilitate the scavengers, who were engaged in the demeaning practice of carrying human waste on their head. Vocational Training Centres were set up at Alwar & Tonk, Rajasthan and Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh to liberate and rehabilitate women hitherto engaged in the profession of scavenging till March 2003.



Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak along with members of Vocational Training Centre, Alwar

In the *Swachh Srishti Exhibition*, there would be number of Exhibits, including Standees, Models, Photos, etc. depicting contributions of Sulabh International on the subject of sanitation. Standees and Models of different designs of the eco-friendly, people accepted Sulabh toilets and other material on Swachhta would also be displayed. In Sulabh toilets, there are 2 pits, one of which is used at one time. When one becomes full then the other pit is used. Both the pits are used but one at a time. After 2 years, in the first pit the excreta turns into bio-fertilizer which can be cleaned by anybody and this can then be used in fields / gardens.



Sulabh Twin Pit Pour Flush Manure Toilet

Students of different Schools, including Sulabh Public School would participate in a painting competition on Swachhta. In addition, students of different schools and colleges would be visiting and watching the exhibits on different days.

There would be stalls by Swachhta workers / volunteers of NaiDisha (Alwar-Tonk), Sulabh Mahila evam Bal Vikas Samiti, Hirmathla (Mewat) and by Widows of Vrindavan.

There would be a stall showing AVs / CDs prepared by Sulabh on cleanliness and sanitation. Publications on sanitation and related subjects would be displayed as well as distributed.

There would be talks by eminent personalities, cartoon show. Sulabh Sanitation Club would organize a Fashion Show on Swachhta and also highlight various issues related to menstrual health and hygiene on the final day.

Sulabh Swachhta Rath, which is equipped with the audio-visual gadgets to spread the message related to the importance of sanitation, would be put on show.



Sulabh Swachhta Rath