“Cleaning urban villages for Swachh Bharat”

(Collective inputs of 250,000+ Citizens in Swachh Bharat Circle)

1. Awareness campaigns on cleanliness should be organised in villages
2. The Sarpanch should be made responsible for enforcing cleanliness in his village
3. People could team up with NGOs to train the villagers on waste disposal
4. Swachh Bharat volunteers in cities could make teams to visit the nearby villages on weekends for cleaning activities and encourage the villagers to do it too
5. Items like gloves, dustbins etc. could be donated to villages
6. Government and local bodies in villages should insist on sorted waste collection and also educate people about it
7. Competition for the ‘cleanest village’ could be organized amongst a cluster of villages to encourage people to keep their surroundings clean
8. Swachh Bharat Mission could create a structure through which people could volunteer to go to nearby village schools to give cleanliness lessons to children
9. MPs/MLAs, Corporates and famous personalities could adopt villages and lead a sustained cleanliness initiative there
10. An area should be designated in every urban village where wet waste like vegetables, fruits, eatables etc. can be collected to generate compost
11. People should be educated not to wash clothes or utensils in river or lake waters
12. Awareness on Open Defecation health hazards should be created and efforts should be made to reduce its social acceptability
13. NGOs like Sulabh could be partnered with to open public toilets in villages
14. The panchayat should be asked to oversee the construction of public toilets in villages

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