

## **ABSTRACT**

### **PLUNGING INTO THE DEPTH OF HADES**

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If we could cite an example of 'turning a blind eye on an evil', manual scavenging would definitely top the list. An evil so deep rooted in social political scenario of India that a immense amount of work and targeted eradication is needed by government, civil societies, judiciary and even media. The practice of this evil is traced back to ancient India especially later Vedic ages where professions were decided on birth in a particular caste.

In post independent India this evil has not even stopped let alone disappeared. Various laws such as The Employment of Manual Scavenging and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993 and The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 are existent but the implementations seems to be in abyss of these laws.

Between, 2017-2021 as many as 330 people died while cleaning of septic tanks and sewer due to various respiratory related health issues inside the manhole. The manhole in cities are transit lines of all the waste material from every toilet in the city, the amount of waste is unimaginable and more the hygiene. These wastes consists deadly gases such as Hydrogen Sulphide, Ammonia, Methane, Carbon Dioxide, Nitrogen Oxide, and Carbon Monoxide, staying in these gases for more than a minute is an act of suicide in itself.

This article will focus on medical implications on health due to manual scavenging and various other aspects that are negligent to common masses.