

The first video is on the landfill in Ghazipur. It shows us the actual extent of the problem at hand and also the effects it has on the people living around it. The second video is on Bhopal and it success in dealing with its solid waste problem. After having watched the two videos - one from Ghazipur and other from Bhopal, I was able to understand the following reality :

1. **Rich - poor divide :** The stark inequality in terms of how the rich and the poor are treated is brought out in this video. While the rich neighbourhoods of the city are well maintained and clean, all the waste generated is dumped elsewhere. The poor have little or no say when it comes to dumping of waste - even when there is a 11 storey high landfill site right in front of their homes!
  2. **Private industries :** The government should not view the private industry as an enemy but a friend. The private industry has the necessary know-how and capital to deal with the waste which the government simply does not have. In Bhopal, the government was able to achieve the cleaning up of the dump site only with the help of the private industry. Hence, the government should consult the private sector to come up with innovative ways to deal with waste.
  3. **Government efforts :** As proved in Bhopal, continuous efforts undertaken by a responsible government can result in making a city clean and livable for its own citizens. In any thriving democracy, it is at the end of the day the citizens responsibility to force their respective governments to solve the issue. Hence, responsible citizens along with continual efforts from the government, we can tackle issues like solid waste management and make our cities more clean and livable for all their inhabitants.
  4. **Social Stigma and Health concerns :** The documentary on Ghazipur highlights dumping of waste leads to seclusion of the people living around it - inclusion of people in Ghazipur is restricted due to the massive landfill just besides their homes. Solid waste releases bad odour and toxic gases which lead to various diseases in people who are in close proximity to such landfills.
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