TOI brings to you some unique startups participating in INK@WASH, a platform to promote innovations in waste & sanitation, organised by ASCI in association with the state and central governments on January 30 and 31

ADDING DIGNITY TO SANITATION WORK

Hasiru Dala Innovations

**FOUNDER:** Shekar Prabhakar  
**LOCATION:** Bengaluru  
**OBJECTIVE:** Foster entrepreneurship among waste-pickers and improve their quality of life. The 23 waste-picker entrepreneurs and 360 collectors, gather 50 tonnes of waste every day. Each earn 13,000 per month.

Apart from waste-pickers, this also helps the environment. Since we started we have diverted 37,000 tonnes of waste away from landfill — either composted it, made biogas or recycled —Shekar Prabhakar

**IMPACT:** Better working condition for workers, fixed monthly incomes (they even filed IT returns last year) and access to market and opportunities

**ROAD AHEAD:** Hope to enter Mumbai and Chennai this year

Urban Management Centre

**FOUNDER:** Manvita Baradi  
**LOCATION:** Ahmedabad  
**OBJECTIVE:** Work with city authorities to find employment for sanitation workers; give them their right, dignity

**IMPACT:** At least 50 groups of workers across Odisha, Telangana, Delhi, Rajasthan etc collectivised, provided job opportunities, trained to become entrepreneurs

> It is important that these workers feel financially included and be a part of the fabric of any society. They cannot remain invisible. We are trying to do just that, through our centre — Manvita Baradi

**Kam-Avida Enviro Engg Pvt Ltd**

**FOUNDER:** Manohar Krishna  
**LOCATION:** Pune  
**OBJECTIVE:** Provide a self-contained vehicle, Kam Rescue Van, to sanitation workers fitted with all cleaning apparatus and medical facilities, in case of illness

Despite 1,300 deaths in three years, manual scavenging continues. Through this initiative we want to make the process safer for people and prevent illnesses.— Arati Krishna, marketing head

**IMPACT:** Ensuring safety of workers by providing masks, head gears etc, and also giving them space to wash up post cleaning

**ROAD AHEAD:** In talks with multiple corporations across India

Dalberg Advisors

**TEAM:** Anahitaa Bakshi, Nirat Bhatnagar  
**LOCATION:** Delhi  
**OBJECTIVE:** To identify social and economic issues plaguing sanitation workers in a certain area, by gathering responses from municipal authorities through workshops, specially designed cards

**IMPACT:** Focused solutions to issues by designing programmes as per requirement of a certain section of workers

**ROAD AHEAD:** Expand footprint across municipal corporations. Worked with Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation

The 57 cards are a tool designed to help anyone who wants to help sanitation workers, choose what type of worker they want to target, which demographic they would like to focus on and then narrow down the solution which would work best — Anahitaa Bakshi

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