Disappearing public toilets: 29 razed in a year
Ahmedabad: Public toilets in the city seem to be disappearing fast. On the one hand, the civic body is focusing more on health and sanitation issues, and on the other, it has approved the demolition of 29 such toilets, meaning roughly two every month. At its meeting on November 11, the health and solid waste management committee of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) decided to demolish four public toilets — three in west zone’s Ambawadi and one in east zone’s Bapunagar area. *DNA, November 20, 2013*


Citizens troubled with waste water logging under-bridge, Dahod
The Railways and state government has constructed underground bridge on Chakalia road by spending crores of rupees. Waste water is logged in this underground bridge which has annoyed people. *Sandesh, November 20, 2013*


Obstruction by municipality for rainwater canal, Gandhidham
Numerous allegations have been made towards cleaning of rainwater canals. Drain water is discharged into rainwater canals in the city. The municipality has assigned a private contractor for rainwater canal cleanliness in the city. However the canals are not cleaned. *Kutch Mitra, November 20, 2013*


Wealth from waste
Ahmedabad: TOI's Youth Brigade has been an inexorable force in sustaining the battle against litter and plastic. From motivating booksellers under the Fernandes Bridge to give up plastic for more eco-friendly material, to turning Firdaus Apartments in Khanpur into a near zero-waste zone, the Brigade has done much to become the change it wanted to see in the Walled City. On Monday, the Brigade inspired the residents of MP Tower in Khanpur to take a pledge to shun harmful plastic, and to handle their household waste in an environment-friendly way that yields profits. *Times of India, November 19, 2013*


VMC begins cleaning storm water drains
Vadodara: In the wake of mosquito menace and vector-borne diseases raising their head in the city, Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) has begun conducting extensive cleaning of storm water drains. It is widely believed that these drains are the breeding place for mosquitoes. The storm water drains are usually cleaned before the monsoon as a part of the pre-monsoon works by the civic body. *Times of India, November 19, 2013*
Over 50 lakh households in vibrant Guj have no toilet
Gandhinagar: Build toilets first and temples later, chief minister Narendra Modi had said earlier last month. However, figures from Census 2011 point towards a sorry state of affairs in his own state. According to it, more than 50 lakh households in the state do not have a toilet. As per the Census data, there are 1.21 crore households in Gujarat, of which 69.85 lakh households have a toilet. However, a staggering 51.96 lakh households do not have toilet facility. Around 2.73 lakh of these households have access to public toilets, while members of the rest 49.22 lakh households defecate in the open. DNA, November 19, 2013

Chemical spread in Macchu river pollutes water, Rajkot
Morbi: Macchu river is like a life line for citizens in Morbi. Pollution of water in the river is a serious matter. The river water under Pada bridge is found black. It is suspected that mixture of chemicals from industrial units has polluted the river water. Sandesh, November 19, 2013

Door-to-door collection: Corporation failed
The door-to-door waste collection system has completely failed in the city. Lack of proper Corporation’s co-ordination is attributed to be the reason for failure. Experts expressed that the issue can be solved if the Corporation fulfills the responsibility of proper co-ordination. Divya Bhaskar, November 16, 2013

Door-to-door waste collection system to change radically, Vadodara
The Corporation has decided to establish the failed door-to-door waste collection system. In this context, new tendering has been done without waiting for the current contract to get over. Not only this, Municipal Corporation has decided not to assign work to single contractor for door-to-door waste collection. Divya Bhaskar, November 18, 2013

Turbid water supply within 6 months at 53 different spots, Vadodara
Repeated complaints regarding inferior water quality were registered since last 6 months. There was a problem of inferior water quality as drainage water mixed with drinking water pipeline. Divya Bhaskar, November 18, 2013

Reduction in drainage leakage and pipeline ruptures underground due to utilization of new pipelines, Surat
After the decision to use MDP (medium density polyethylene pipe) in drinking water network, the municipality has thought of experimenting corrugated polyethylene pipe in drainage network. Till now cement concrete pipes were used for underground drainage network. Instead, the municipality has thought to use polyethylene pipe as an alternate material to reduce problems like drainage line leakage, pipeline breakage. 

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40 tons waste was disposed from Sector 8, Gandhinagar
There is garbage heaps all-around in the capital city. Even though rigorous cleanliness campaign has been rigorously initiated, there are few areas where cleanliness is ignored. There is one such area in Sector 8. Today Standing Committee Chairman made a surprise visit in the areas and he could see heaps of garbage all-around. Sandesh, November 18, 2013


Grimy surroundings in Dayaramnagar annoys residents, Dabhoi
Dabhoi town was considered historic town. If we talk about the administration of the municipality, waste water is flowing from the toilets in Dayaramnagar where people are residing from last 33 years. Sandesh, November 18, 2013


Plastic proves paper tiger in Walled City
Ahmedabad: Their campaign for creating a garbage-free Walled City is in its last phase but the enthusiasm with which they started refuses to die out. In another offensive against plastic, TOI's army of anti-litter vigilantes descended on the Walled City on Wednesday to distribute 8,000 nonwoven and paper bags. Times of India, November 15, 2013


Grime and muck realm near Gangdevnagar in Anand, residents troubled
Few cheeky people disposed dirty water and garbage near gangdevnagar in Anand, which led to dirt and filth all-around. Residents of the area fear epidemic due to dirt and filth. Divya Bhaskar, November 15, 2013


Municipality to urgently dispose garbage and contaminated water, Surendranagar
Many people in Surendranagar are distraught with dirt and waste water disposal problem. Consumer Protection Forum has ordered the municipality to pay compensation to the citizens along with urgently providing the basic facilities of public sanitation and water. Divya Bhaskar, November 15, 2013

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Theft in Bhuj municipality
Numerous sewage lids costing in lakhs were stolen from wadi of Bhuj municipality. Goods of Drainage department were lying in a pitiable condition from years in the 15-20 acres land of the municipality. Divya Bhaskar, November 15, 2013

Vapi was declared country’s most polluted area in 2013
Gujarat is considered foremost on development front. In 2013, Gujarat’s Vapi was declared country’s most polluted area. According to Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index (CEPI), level of industrial pollution is Vapi is 85.31 CEPI. Gujarat Samachar, November 15, 2013
http://gujaratsamachar.com/index.php/articles/display_article/amdavad-the-country-was-declared-the-most-polluted-area-in-2013-vapi

Cleanliness drive in Gandhinagar
The Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation (GMC) has undertaken a massive cleanliness drive in the city. One of the biggest problems that it faces is that of extensive growth of weeds after this year's heavy monsoon and tonnes of garbage dumped by residents in the dense bushes along major roads. Times of India, November 14, 2013

Youth Brigade gives Walled City roadmap for cleanliness
Vadodara: The Youth Brigade that has taken up the task of freeing the Walled City from the garbage menace organised a meeting of the residents of the walled city to brief them about the work done by the brigade in the area so far. The residents were also introduced to the 'Swachhchta Samitis' formed in the poles and lanes of the area. Times of India, November 14, 2013
http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vadodara/Youth-Brigade-gives-Walled-City-roadmap-for-cleanliness/articleshow/25717231.cms

Water theft from Rudramata dam revealed, Bhuj
The management suddenly revealed illegal withdrawal of water from Rudramata dam near Bhuj. The on-site investigation by irrigation department found 63 such machines withdrawing water. Criminal complaint has been filed against all farmers. Divya Bhaskar, November 14, 2013
http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/article/KUT-BUJ-water-theft-in-dem-4433495-NOR.html

Management wakes up when Hindus-Muslims started cleaning, Jetpur
Repeated complaints were registered for filth and dirt in Navagadh, Jetpur. However the municipality was ignorant and Hindus-Muslims initiated cleanliness campaign. Gujarat Samachar, November 14, 2013
http://gujaratsamachar.com/index.php/articles/display_article/gujarat-saurashtra-rajkot-cleaning

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