

Dr. Amiya kumar Sahu participated as a panelist at India Inc. Clean India Conclave on "Waste Management" held on 3rd July 2015 at The Lalit, New Delhi.

The conclave aimed to identify new opportunities that lie in the Municipal Solid Waste Management in India, and how opportunities can be utilized, strengthened and sustained. With Inaugural Address on "Defining the Road Map for Solid Waste Management in India", the conclave was inaugurated by Shri Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

In a session on "A step towards 'Swachh Bharat' with an integrated Solid Waste Management Framework", **Dr. Amiya Kumar Sahu**, President& Founder, National Solid Waste Association of India addressed the issues of Waste Management in Urban India & How can the private sectors contribute towards achieving the vision of a Clean India within the context of Waste Management.

Addressing the importance of awareness on solid waste management Dr. Sahu suggested that media can play an important role by showing programmes on solid waste management awareness on every channel. He also suggested that it should be compulsory for all T.V channels to show such programmes on daily basis to increase awareness among common people.

He said that at present there are no professional courses on Solid waste management in India. So, we need to start courses on solid waste management to ensure that our professionals have the necessary knowledge and tools to be active partners in waste management solutions. During the talk with ministers at the conclave, he discussed various issues on Waste Management in India & he was not happy with their unsatisfactory answers.

While talking about the practices in handling of solid waste, he said that there is no governance in municipalities as far as the waste management is concerned. The environmental departments, urban development departments and municipalities blame each on waste management issues and Waste management is not done efficiently. There is a need of proper system to ensure that waste is managed as per MSW Management Rules, 2000.