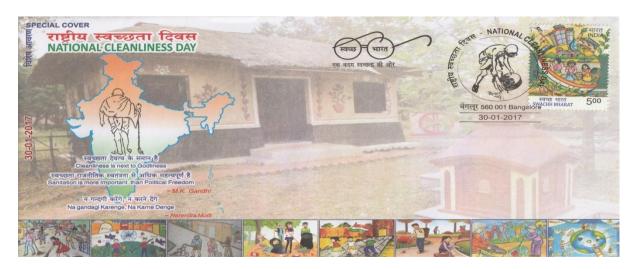
CLEANLINESS -In the path of Mahatma Gandhi

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Introduction: Mahatma Gandhi told "**Cleanliness is next to Godliness**", While staying in the west, though Gandhiji strongly ridiculed many western customs he was impressed by the level of sanitation followed by the people . he had a dream of making India cleaner.

Clean India: Cleanliness and Health are interrelated.

Gandhiji told "Sanitation is more important than Independence". On this basis Indian government started Swachh Bharat Abhiyan mission on Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday October 2^{nd} 2014 by then and present Prime minister Narendra Modi .



A Special cover released by the India Post on'National Cleanliness Day' on January 30 th, 2017. The five rupees stamp shows clean environment with children in swachh bharath (clean India). The special cancellation shows Gandhiji cleaning a ground on his own.





A picture post card of Gandhiji's principle of cleanliness with a stamp issued on 150 th birth anniversary of Gandhi with ecology and environment theme.

A special cover showing message Save our planet and a stamp of Siachen glacier

Conclusion: Gandhi told" Every man should be his own scavenger "his principle of Cleanliness include hygiene, Swaraj and Untouchability. Let us follow that.