

## लोहिया स्वच्छ बिहार अभियान

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To.

Principal Secretary, Department of Health, Bihar

Principal Secretary, Department of Education, Bihar

Principal Secretary, Department of Urban Development, Bihar

**Principal Secretary**, Department of Industries, Bihar

Secretary, Public Health and Engineering Department, Bihar.

## Regarding invitation for SWACHH-A-THON 1.0 to crowd source solutions on Sub: issues faced for implementation of SBM-G.

Sir/Madam,

The Swachh-a-thon 1.0 is an initiative by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MoDWS) to crowd source solutions on pressing problems/issues faced for the implementation of SBM-G around the country. The event will be held in 3 stages and in the first stage the participants will be required to make online entries on MyGov portal (innovate.mygov.in) The 2nd stage will be requiring the participants to give a live demonstration and final stage would be on 8th September, 2017 where the participants selected would be given cash prizes under each category.

The problem statements on which the Swachh-a-thon 1.0 is seeking solutions are:

- Innovative, sustainable, environment-friendly and affordable toilet technology for hilly, dry, flood-prone and remote areas
- Technological solutions to monitor usage of toilets . .
- Technological solutions for bringing behavioural change for toilet usage and hygiene .
- Innovative models and methods to improve the operation and maintenance of school toilet
- Innovative solutions for Menstrual Health Management
- Innovative solutions for early decomposition of faecal matter

It is requested to spread the message of Swachh-a-thon 1.0 to the local development partners, NGOs, civil society organisations, Universities, local colleges and institutions and nominate people/organisations to participate in the Swachh-a-thon 1.0.

The Lohiya Swachh Bihar Abhiyan will also be organising a Curtain Raiser-cum- State Level Consultative Workshop on Swachh-A-thon 1.0 on the 17th August, 2017 at Hotel Patliputra Ashoka, Patna to official launch the event and further seek solutions from the masses for implementing LSBA/SBM-G.

It is hoped that the departments would collaborate in this event by spreading the message to crowd source solutions for better implementation of LSBA/SBM-G in their district and make Bihar Open Defecation Free by 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019.

Yours faithfully,

(Balamurugan D) Chief Executive Officer-Cum- Mission Director.

Copy to: Secretary, Rural Development Department, Government of Bihar, Patna for information. Copy to: Development Commissioner, Government of Bihar, Patna for information.