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**Planning For Solid Waste Management: A Case Of Pathanamthitta Town**

Solid waste management has always been a major challenge to tackle within our cities. The repeated failures of SWM in cities have proven that only a single body such as the government being responsible to handle waste is almost impossible. A combined effort where solid waste generated could be handled effortlessly is what needs to be given more thrust such that every individual becomes equally responsible towards a clean city. Even if the concept of zero waste is hard to achieve to a full extent, management and reduction of solid waste can be effectively done through this combined effort. Pathanamthitta town has been chosen for this study to understand the scenario of solid waste management in Kerala scenario. Being a town having a modest population, management of solid waste generation depends on systems being in the right place which is one of the most important criteria to be given care in SWM sector of any town. Planning for the future also plays a role in SWM and this study intends to bring about a perspective from grass root level to a large scale level in the development of SWM to achieve the concept of zero waste strategy

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