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Abstract (100-300 words)

As an institution of governance, State has made a transition from Laissez Faire to Regulator to Facilitator mode globally and India is not an exception. Since the adoption of new economic policies, it has got momentum in every arena and similar is the case vis a vis waste management. Conventionally, scholars on ecological environment have studied mainly from the viewpoint of political and economic effects on the natural environment. India's great moral leader Mohandas Gandhi famously said that there is enough on Earth for everybody's need, but not enough for everybody's greed.

Man in his interaction with Environment has been hitting global limits in its use of resources especially in the fragile mountain ecosystems. In contemporary times urbanization is a global phenomenon, but its ramifications are more pronounced in developing countries especially in Himalayan regions. Natural growth of population, reclassifications of habitation and migration trends are important in urban population in India. Global experience shows that when a country's urban population reaches almost 25% of the overall population (as in the case of India), the pace of urbanization accelerates. Due to rapid urbanization and uncontrolled growth rate of population, Waste Management (both Solid and Biomedical waste) has become an important issue in India.

Presently, the waste management systems are assuming importance due to population increase in municipal areas, scope for legal intervention, and emergence of newer technologies & rising public awareness towards cleanliness. Human activities create waste. The way these wastes are handled, stored, collected and disposed, they can pose a risk to the environment and to the public health. Where intense human activities concentrate, such as in urban centers, appropriate and safe waste management is of utmost importance to allow healthy living conditions for the population. This paper uses three prominent sociological perspectives-Functionalism, Conflict and Interactionism to examine the interactions vis a vis Environment and waste management.

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