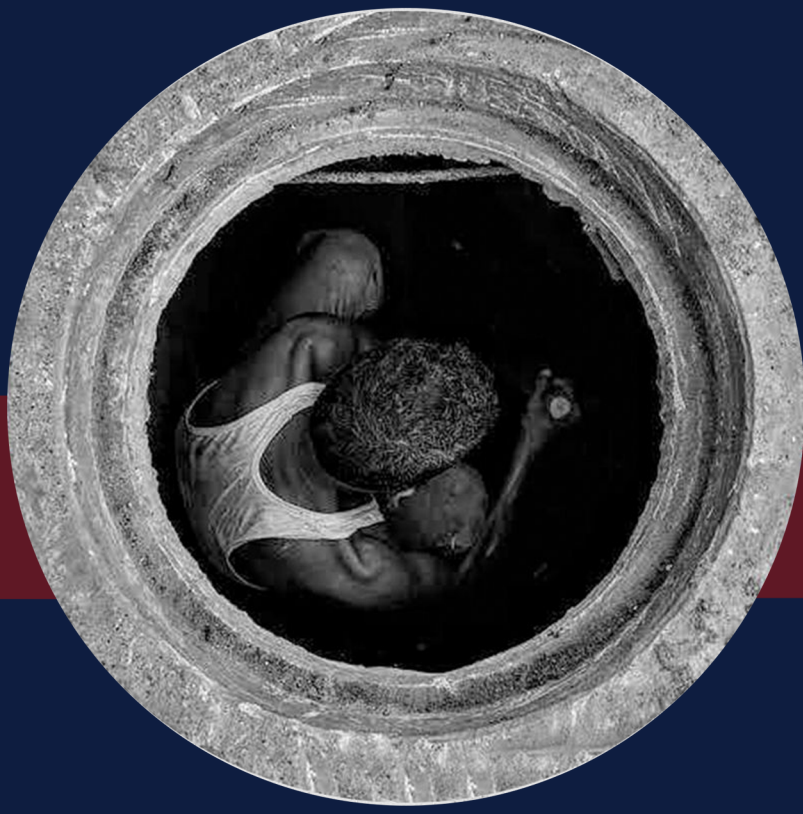




What is **MANUAL SCAVENGING?**

Manual scavenging refers to the practice of manually cleaning, carrying, disposing, or handling human excreta with bare hands in any form.



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Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Act, 2013

Manual scavenging was banned in Karnataka in 1976. In 1993, the Indian Parliament enacted a law to prohibit manual scavenging across the country. In 2013, a comprehensive law called the **Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Act** was implemented.

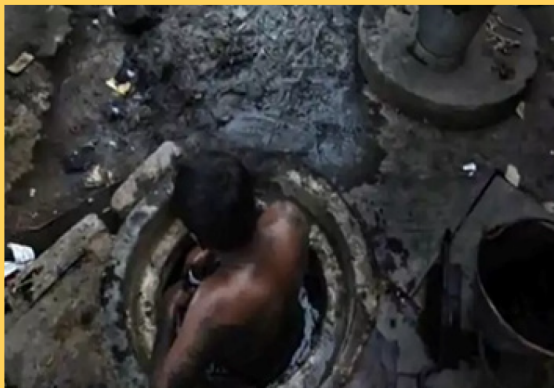
Under the 2013 Act, employing anyone for the following tasks is prohibited and considered a punishable offense:



Cleaning human excreta manually.



Cleaning toilets without flush manually.



Cleaning manholes/sewers manually.



Cleaning septic tanks manually.

If such cleaning work is necessary, contact your municipal council or gram panchayat to call for cleaning machines:



Using machines to clean toilets.

What Can YOU DO If You Witness Manual Scavenging?

- Inform the police by calling 100 or take a photo of the incident and upload it on the Karnataka Police App.
- Inform your local municipal council or gram panchayat.
- File a complaint with the Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission: Website: <https://skc.karnataka.gov.in>
Email: ksskcb@gmail.com Phone: 080-22240445/6