LOCATING OUR WASTE PICKER COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE CITY

"We help keep the city clean but we have to live in filth. We work but are not recognized. We ask for the right to our identity and right to access waste."

- Jagruti Devi, Waste Picker

WASTE WARRIORS OF DELHI

4 Rs of Waste pickers’ Demands

- RECOGNITION and integration into the waste management system
- REGISTRATION and enumeration of waste pickers at the city level
- REPRESENTATION in waste management related policymaking
- RIGHTS and social protection

FUTURE QUTUB MINARS OF OUR CITY?

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KEY

- Waste Picker Communities
- Operational Landfills
- Closed Landfills
- Waste To Energy Plants

MULTIPLE CHALLENGES

Despite their immense contributions, waste pickers face many challenges including lack of recognition and workers’ rights, lack of formal space for work, social stigma and harassment, and health hazards due to the nature of their work.
Waste Pickers play a critical role in taming the wild and growing beast that is solid waste in Delhi. They need proper allocation of space for their work, such as space at the neighbourhood level for primary sorting, material recovery points and recyclable markets.