Waste pickers in Pune and KKPKP

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In the past few decades, solid waste management has become a global concern due to growing urbanisation and changing lifestyles. In both urban areas and newly developing townships in India, many of the existing centralised waste management schemes have proven both ineffective and unsustainable; the evidence overflowing streets and uncollected waste bins.

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Waste Pickers at the Uruli dumpsite. Waste pickers have generally been a group of people at the bottom of the domestic worker hierarchy, frequently mistreated and abused while working under poor physical and social conditions. Source: KKPKP, 2010!

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SWaCH - Waste managers of Pune

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, co-founder of KKPKP and SWaCH, by Marketa Vinkelhoferova