

The Times of India 17.07.2009 **Garbage heaps visible, but AMC in slumber** ALLAHABAD:

Due to negligence of the Allahabad Municipal Corporation, piles of garbage strewn have become a routine feature in different localities in the city. People's woes have been compounded as the AMC sanitary staff fails to discharge its duties efficiently. The apathy of civic officials assumes importance since cleanliness is needed in the rainy season owing to the threat of spread of various diseases.

The problem is acute in the Old City which is characterised by dingy lanes, narrow bylanes and clustered houses. Areas like Rani Mandi, Chowk, Mohtashimganj, Bahadurganj, Muthiganj, Colonelganj, Nakhas Kohna, Garhi Sarai, Khuldabad, etc are reeling under sanitation and garbage related problems.

Complaining about the non-cooperative attitude of the sanitary staff, Kusum Kesarwani, resident of Rani Mandi said, "It is not possible to come out of our houses during the day time as piles of garbage can be seen everywhere in our narrow lanes. As the garbage is not lifted, even light rains spell havoc and the stench emanating from it becomes unbearable."

Alok Agarwal, a resident of Chowk, said, "Though our area is the main commercial hub of the city but AMC has turned a blind eye to it. Further, as hordes of people throng the commercial establishments, they also spread garbage."

There is also threat of spread of various diseases in the city on account of non cleaning of drains. The problem is compounded in the area that are Here too AMC apathy is widespread as rarely sanitary staff is seen cleaning the area.