

INHUMAN PRACTICE

Manual scavenging is banned under the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prevention) Act, 1993



- The Madras High Court banned manual scavenging in 2008
- Despite the ban, in the last year-and-a-half, 15 sanitary workers have died in sewer lines and septic tanks across Tamil Nadu, activists say
- On August 24, 2012, the Supreme Court pulled up the Union government for failing to implement a law to ban manual scavenging
- On September 4, the Centre introduced the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Bill, 2012, in Parliament