



Village Rejects Union Carbide Waste Incineration | Madhya Pradesh | 15 Jan 2025

Why in News?

The controversy over the disposal of hazardous waste from the [Union Carbide India Limited \(UCIL\) plant](#) in Bhopal has come into focus as **hazardous material** has been transported to **Tarpura village** in Madhya Pradesh's Pithampur town for incineration.

Key Points

- **Hazardous Waste Relocation:**
 - **337 MT of toxic waste** from the **UCIL Bhopal plant** has been moved to **Pithampur** for disposal.
 - Containers are parked at a **private treatment, storage, and disposal facility**.
- **Protests and Opposition:**
 - Local residents, businesses, and activists have opposed the incineration of the waste.
 - A general strike was observed in the region because of concerns including **environmental degradation, groundwater contamination,** and **inadequate regulation**.
- **Government Response:**
 - The Dhar district administration has launched an awareness campaign to address concerns.
 - Outreach includes farmers, workers, and industrial associations, emphasizing adherence to environmental norms.
- **Local Environmental Challenges:**
 - Pithampur's industrial area is already heavily polluted, affecting air, water, and soil quality.
 - Reports of increased **groundwater salinity** and related health issues such as skin problems.

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The Bhopal Gas Tragedy 1984

- The **Bhopal gas tragedy** was one of the worst industrial accidents in history that occurred on the night of **2-3 December 1984** at the **Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL) pesticide plant** in Bhopal, MP.

- It exposed people and animals to the highly toxic gas **methyl isocyanate (MIC)**, causing immediate and long-term health effects and deaths.

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