

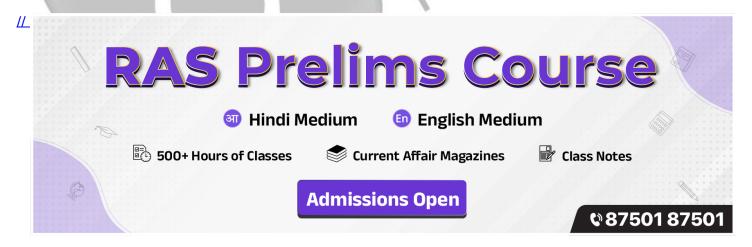
Village Rejects Union Carbide Waste Incineration

Why in News?

The controversy over the disposal of hazardous waste from the <u>Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL)</u>
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 <u>groundwater salinity</u> and related health issues such as skin problems.



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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