Mission Mode

Indian Institute of Health Management and Research (IIHMR), JAIPUR

Goutam Sadhu, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Health Management and Research (IIHMR) was born in West Bengal but has made Rajasthan his home for 29 years. He has worked with UNICEF before joining IIHMR, which provides specialised degrees in health management. His task involved creating awareness regarding hygiene as well as building and using toilets, but he says everything actually gained momentum once Prime Minister Narendra Modi focused on it.

IIHMR’s claim to fame is the construction of 43,000 Individual Households Latrines (IHHL) with bathroom and soak pits in 370 villages and 282 units in rural schools of semi-arid Churu and canal-irrigated Hanumangarh Districts in Rajasthan. It is also advisor to NGOs in the construction of 71 school sanitation units (toilets, bathroom, urinal sets, biodigester) in 42 schools of Barmer district, Rajasthan, supported by Cairn India under their CSR activity.

IIHMR involved school management committees and students to ensure that toilets in school are used, maintained and that this habit is spread to individual homes. “Children can make their family improve hygiene around them and use toilets,” says Sadhu. He also involved women in deciding where to build toilets.

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GOUTAM SADHU AT A PUBLIC SANITATION UNIT

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Why it won
It has built 43,000 individual household latrines in 370 villages, 282 units in rural schools; advised NGOs in the construction of 71 school sanitation units and trained over 700 sanitation professionals. IIHMR has emerged as a one-stop university for a 360 degree sanitation solution.