



**Consulate General of India
Perth**

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Press Release

Request for contributions by NRIs/PIOs to Swachh Bharat Kosh

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was launched in India in 2014 with an aim to achieve an Open-Defecation Free (ODF) India by 2nd October 2019, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, by constructing 12 million toilets in rural India at a projected cost of ₹1.96 lakh crore (US\$30 billion). Since its launch in 2014, the number of people in rural India practicing open defecation has come down from 550 million to 320 million.

New fund, Swachh Bharat Kosh (Clean India Fund) has been specifically set up for contributions, from NRIs/PIOs and Indian-origin persons, to achieve objective of Clean India (Swachh Bharat) by 2019, through Swachh Bharat Mission. A nation-wide effort is on to mobilize resources for improving sanitation facilities in rural and urban areas in India, especially in schools. The Government of India is calling on Overseas Indians (including NRIs and PIOs) to contribute to this effort either by online payments or through cheque/DD/electronic transfer as per the following details:

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