

GETA Young Scientist

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Result	Consolation 10
Problem Title	India's Invisible Enemy: Absence of Civic Responsibility
Problem Description	<p>I brainstormed for days on issues like traffic congestion, pollution, littering, red-light jumping, reckless driving, corruption, rising crime, lawlessness, casteism, and religious discrimination. At first, they seemed different, but they all connect to one root cause—Lack of Civic Sense in Indian People.</p> <p>People complain about traffic but jump red lights, drive on footpaths, and block roads for convenience. Public spaces are littered because people think, "Yeh mera kaam nahi hai" (This is not my job), yet they criticize dirty streets. Everyone wants change, but no one wants to change themselves.</p> <p>This selfishness extends to corruption—people blame the system yet pay bribes to escape rules. Crime rises because people think, "If everyone is taking advantage, why shouldn't I?" Even casteism and religious discrimination stem from an "Us vs. Them" mindset, dividing people instead of uniting them as citizens.</p> <p>A major cause is the "Not My Problem" mentality—someone sees an accident but walks away, thinking, "Mujhe kyun padna?" (Why should I get involved?). Another harmful mindset is crab mentality—if someone tries to bring change, others pull them down instead of supporting them.</p> <p>This lack of civic sense not only harms India internally but also damages its reputation globally. Many Indians follow rules abroad but break them at home. Incidents of littering, spitting, and misbehavior overseas make headlines, reinforcing stereotypes of India as an undisciplined country. This makes it harder for Indians to gain respect internationally.</p> <p>At the root of traffic violations, crime, pollution, and corruption is selfishness and disregard for society. If civic sense were strong, most of these problems wouldn't exist.</p> <p>Thank you for reading my response. I truly appreciate your time. If my answer is deserving, I request you to give me a lastly i want to assure that this problem has not been sourced with any sort of ai but i do have taken help to express my problem in a better way.</p>
Affected Audiences	ALL THE CITIZENS OF INDIA LIVING IN INDIA OR NOT
Impact Size	Hundreds and more
Location	Universal
Scope	National
Place	Universal
Occurrence	Frequently
Life risk involved?	Yes

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<i>Financial loss or Saving potential</i>	Lakhs or more
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