

Just Transition?

in the context of livelihoods in the waste sector

As the waste management system goes through changes or improvements, it is crucial to recognise waste workers for their contributions to the sector.

Just Transition acknowledges the importance of addressing the social, economic, and environmental aspects of their work.



Just Transition for waste pickers includes:



recognising their contribution



promoting their rights



integrating
their valuable
knowledge and
skills



Furthermore, just transition involves:



providing them with support & training to empower them



alternative livelihood options to improve their working conditions



The main aim is to create a transition that includes everyone, treats them fairly, and respects the rights and well-being of waste pickers.





In India, Just Transition is needed for an estimated

1.5 to 4 million waste pickers

who collect, clean, sort, and segregate recyclable waste, which they then sell