

Poor hygiene hurts India

NEW DELHI: A lack of toilets and poor hygiene practices in India cost Asia's third-largest economy almost US\$54 billion (S\$71 billion) every year, the World Bank said in a report yesterday.

Premature deaths, treatment for the sick, wasted time and productivity, as well as lost tourism revenues, are the main reasons for the high economic losses, the report said.

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