**Daily Sun** hosted a roundtable on ‘Bridging Health and Hygiene’ in collaboration with Water Aid, SHARE, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), and ICDDR,B.

**We do all our activities with our hands.** So through our hands, we can easily catch germs. That’s why hand washing is very important. But people should wash their hands with safe water. So we have to ensure the availability of safe water. The government has selected 157 primary schools for introducing hygiene and hand washing practice among the primary school-going students and it will be done by schools teachers. Such practices should only improve their personal health and prevent diseases.

**We have to introduce good hygiene practices.** Hand washing is a social norm. So we need to advocate and promote good hygiene practices among children. The government should support the government in this regard.

**Less than 50 per cent of the population of the country are women and more than half are children.** So women are more educated than the hygiene practices. Therefore, they are following a better hygiene practice.

**Happiness should play a major role in influencing water, sanitation, and hygiene policies.** They must consider the responsibility of providing us clean water and support the government in this sector.

**There is no nationwide data available on hygiene coverage.** In the absence of existing hygiene messages, there is no need to target those messages. They should be delivered through communication channels that are focused on community-level support to the sector.

**We have heard a lot about behaviour change.** Traditional hygiene patterns can change only if proper messages are being delivered to the communities. If people do not wash their hands, they will be infected again. They will also spread the disease to others.

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