

# 6th Anniversary of PMAY-U, AMRUT & Smart Cities Mission

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## In news

Recently, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs organised an online event to commemorate 6 years of the three transformative Urban Missions viz. Smart Cities Mission (SCM), AMRUT and PMAY-U.

## Key updates

- During the event the Ministry announced that Uttar Pradesh had been ranked one, Madhya Pradesh was second and Tamil Nadu third in the India Smart Cities Awards 2020.
- Indore and Surat were jointly named the best cities for their work under the Smart Cities Mission.

## Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna-Urban

- PMAY-U, under the aegis of '**Housing for All**', addresses urban housing shortage among the EWS/LIG and MIG categories including the slum dwellers by ensuring a 'pucca' house to all **eligible urban households by the year 2022**.
- It will provide **central assistance to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)** and other implementing agencies through States/UTs for:
  - In-situ Rehabilitation of existing slum dwellers using land as a resource through private participation
  - Credit Linked Subsidy
  - Affordable Housing in Partnership
  - Subsidy for Beneficiary-led individual house construction/enhancement.

- Credit linked subsidy component will be implemented as a Central Sector Scheme while other three components will be implemented as Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- The mission will support construction of houses upto **30 square meter carpet area** with basic civic infrastructure.
- States/UTs will have flexibility in terms of determining the size of house and other facilities at the state level in consultation with the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation.
- As a response to the reverse migration taking place due to the COVID-19, MoHUA launched **Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs), a sub-scheme under PMAY(U)** for urban migrants/ poor.
- As the Mission moves ahead, there has been a need to address life transformation issues that arise out of moving into a new house and neighbourhood.
- To address this, **ANGIKAAR, a campaign** for social change management was initiated by 'Housing for All' (HFA) Mission on 29th August 2019.
- A total of 1.12 crore houses have been sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (U), of which 82.5 lakh houses have been grounded and around 48 lakh have been completed.

## **Atal Mission for Rejuvenation & Urban Transformation (AMRUT)**

### **Purpose**

- Ensure that every household has access to a tap with the assured supply of water and sewerage connection.
- Increase the amenity value of cities by developing greenery and well maintained open spaces (e.g. parks).
- Reduce pollution by switching to public transport or constructing facilities for non-motorized transport (e.g. walking and cycling).

### **Key features**

- It is the **first focused national water Mission and was launched on 25th June, 2015** in 500 cities covering 60% of the urban population.
- All cities having population above 1 lakh are covered under Mission.
- Providing piped water supply and sewerage & septage management in Mission cities is the major **focus of the Mission.**
- Storm water drainage, non-motorized urban transport and green spaces & parks are **minor components of the Mission.**
- Overall Mission allocation is Rs. 1 lakh crore including central share of Rs. 50,000 crore.
- AMRUT has a reform agenda with **focus on e-Governance, energy audit, credit rating of ULBs**, efficient town planning, online building permission system and raising funds by floating municipal bonds by ULBs.
- Master Plans of AMRUT cities are being prepared based on the **Geographical Information System (GIS)** through a sub-scheme.
- **National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC)**, Hyderabad has been roped in to provide satellite photos and for digitization of city maps.
- Under the PMAY-U, 1.12 crore houses had been sanctioned, of which 50 lakh had been completed.

### **Smart Cities Mission**

- It is a transformational Mission aimed to bring about a paradigm shift in the practice of urban development in the country.
- It is an urban development programme launched by the government of India with the mission to develop 100 cities across the country.
- **The objective is to promote** cities that provide core infrastructure and give a decent quality of life to its citizens, a clean and sustainable environment and

application of 'Smart' Solutions.

- The focus is on sustainable and inclusive development and the idea is to look at compact areas, create a replicable model which will act like a light house to other aspiring cities
- Projects developed under the Smart Cities Mission are multi-sectoral and mirror the aspirations of the local population.
- Smart Cities focus on their most pressing needs and on the greatest opportunities to improve lives. They tap a range of approaches ;
  - Digital and information technologies
  - Urban planning best practices
  - Public-private partnerships, and policy change – to make a difference.
  - They always put people first
- The Ministry of Housing Urban Affairs is the implementing agency of the mission.

### **Other key features**

- Promoting mixed land use in area based developments—planning for 'unplanned areas.
- Housing and inclusiveness – expand housing opportunities for all.
- Creating walkable localities
- Preserving and developing open spaces – parks, playgrounds etc
- Promoting a variety of transport options – Transit Oriented Development (TOD), public transport and last mile para-transport connectivity.
- Making governance citizen-friendly and cost effective.
- Giving an identity to the city – based on its main economic activity.

### **Updates on the mission**

- As on date, 69 Smart cities have developed and

operationalised their Integrated Command and Control Centres (ICCCs) in the country.

- According to the Ministry, 22% in terms of the total value of the projects proposed and 52% in terms of the total number of projects proposed by the 100 Smart Cities had been completed so far.