

Azadi@75 Star Rating Protocol of Garbage Free Cities- Toolkit 2022

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In news- On the eve of “Good Governance Day”, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India launched the ‘Azadi@75 Star Rating Protocol of Garbage Free Cities- Toolkit 2022’.

Background-

On 1st October 2021, the Prime Minister launched **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0**, with the overall vision of creating “Garbage Free Cities” (GFC). A key objective under SBM-U 2.0 is to make every urban local body at least 3-star Garbage Free as per the Star Rating protocol.

Key revisions in the protocol are:

- The earlier 25 components/ indicators have now been reduced to 24, of which only 16 indicators are mandatory for 1-star and 3-star levels.
- The remaining 8 indicators are aspirational in nature, and will be relevant for 5-star and 7-star aspirants.
- The multi-step calculation of the previous GFC protocol has now been changed to a single step marking, which will help ULB to easily self-assess themselves for applying.
- The revised protocol is aligned with SBM-U 2.0 priorities, with **higher weightages (50%) allotted to Door-to-Door Collection, Source Segregation**, Waste processing & Dumpsite remediation;
- The entire process of applying for certification and subsequent assessment have been simplified and made completely digital, paperless.

- **New components pertaining to IEC, capacity building, revenue from sale of waste by-products have been added** to encourage cities to build an ecosystem to strengthen the waste management system.
- Continuous assessment throughout the year to help cities plan assessment.

Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0-

- The goal of 'Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0' is to ensure '**Garbage-Free' cities**.
- Under this mission, **all wastewater will be treated properly before it is discharged into water bodies**, and the government is trying to make maximum reuse a priority.
- It also focuses on **source segregation of garbage**, reduction in single-use plastic and air pollution, by effectively managing waste from construction and demolition activities and bioremediation of all legacy dump sites
- It will be **implemented over five years from 2021 to 2026** with an outlay of Rs.1.41 lakh crore.
- This will be a continuation of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban), with the following components for funding and implementation across all statutory towns, viz.
 - Sustainable sanitation (construction of toilets)
 - Wastewater treatment, including fecal sludge management in all ULBs with less than 1 lakh population (this is a new component added to SBM-U 2.0)
 - Solid Waste Management
 - Information, Education and Communication, and
 - Capacity building.