

# Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0

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**In news:** During her Budget speech, the Hon'ble Finance Minister announced that Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 will be launched under the "Health and Wellbeing" vertical.

## About Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0

- In the Swachh Bharat 2.0, the government is trying to tap other aspects under the Swachh Bharat mission including safe containment, transportation, disposal of faecal sludge, and septage from toilets.
- 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.

## **Mission outcomes**

At the end of the Mission, the following outcomes are expected to be achieved:

- All statutory towns will become ODF+ certified
- All statutory towns with less than 1 lakh population will become ODF++ certified ,
- 50% of all statutory towns with less than 1 lakh population will become Water+ certified
- All statutory towns will be at least 3-star Garbage Free rated as per MoHUA's Star Rating Protocol for Garbage Free cities
- Bioremediation of all legacy dumpsites.

## **Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)**

- SBM is a nation-wide campaign in India for the period 2014 to 2019 that aims to clean up the streets, roads and infrastructure of India's cities, towns, urban and rural areas.
- The objectives of Swachh Bharat include eliminating open defecation through the construction of household-owned and community-owned toilets and establishing an accountable mechanism of monitoring toilet use.
- Run by the GoI, the mission aims to achieve an "open-defecation free" (ODF) India by 2 October 2019, the 150th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi by constructing 90 million toilets in rural India.

## **The mission has two thrusts:**

- Swachh Bharat Abhiyan ("gramin" or 'rural'), which operates under the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation;
- Swachh Bharat Abhiyan ('urban'), which operates under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

## **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U)**

- Ministry: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
- The Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban (SBM-U), launched on 2nd October 2014 aims at making urban India free from open defecation and achieving 100% scientific management of municipal solid waste in 4,041 statutory towns in the country.
- Phase 1 of the mission lasted till October 2019. Phase 2 will be implemented between 2020–21 and 2024-25.

### **Current status of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U)**

Since its launch in 2014, Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) has made significant progress in the area of both sanitation and solid waste management.

4,324 urban local bodies have been declared Open Defecation Free, which has been made possible through the construction of more than 66 lakhs individual household toilets and over 6 lakhs community/ public toilets, far exceeding the Mission's targets, the statement highlighted