



2nd Phase of SBM-U

Why in News

Recently, the Prime Minister launched the second phase of [Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban](#) (SBM-U 2.0).

- The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** (MoHUA) is the nodal ministry for the scheme.

Key Points

▪ About:

- SBM-U 2.0, announced in [Budget 2021-22](#), is the continuation of SBM-U first phase. The government is trying to tap **safe containment, transportation, disposal of faecal sludge, and septage from toilets**.

- **SBM-U** first phase was launched on 2nd October 2014 aiming at making urban India [Open Defecation Free \(ODF\)](#) and achieving 100% scientific management of municipal solid waste. It **lasted till October 2019**.

- It will be implemented over five years **from 2021 to 2026** with an outlay of Rs.1.41 lakh crore

▪ Aim:

- It 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](#).
- 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.

▪ Mission outcomes:

- All statutory towns will become **ODF+ certified** (focuses on toilets with water, maintenance and hygiene)
- All statutory towns with less than 1 lakh population will become **ODF++ certified** (focuses on toilets with sludge and septage management).
- 50% of all statutory towns with less than 1 lakh population will become **Water+ certified** (aims to sustain toilets by treating and reuse of water).
- 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.

▪ Progress under SBM-U Phase -I:

- 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.
- **Digital enablements such as [Swachhata App](#)**, the digital grievance redressal platform introduced by MoHUA in 2016, has reinvented the way in which citizen grievance redressal is managed.
- **Swachh Survekshan**, the world's largest urban cleanliness survey covering over 4,000

Urban Local Bodies was initiated under SBM-Urban in 2016.

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