



## Status of Legacy Waste Management under SBM 2.0

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According to the dashboard of the [Swachh Bharat Mission \(SBM\) 2.0](#) the **legacy waste management** has progressed slowly, with **only 470 of 2,424 dumpsites remediated** and **16% of the area reclaimed** since 2021.

- **Legacy waste** refers to waste that has been **improperly collected and stored for years**, often found in **landfills, abandoned mines, and industrial sites**.
  - It poses several challenges, including **radiological characterization, safety issues, leachate management, and fire control**.
  - Processing methods include **bioremediation, biomining, stabilisation, and screening**.
  - It can be classified into four types: **containment and storage, buried garbage, soil and groundwater contamination, and waste from contaminated construction materials**.
- **Legacy waste dumpsites** have been created by [Municipalities](#) in India in city outskirts due to the lack of solid waste handling facilities.
- According to government estimates, around **15,000 acres of prime real estate** is buried under **nearly 16 crore tonnes of legacy waste** across the country.
- **State Performance:**
  - **Tamil Nadu** leads in reclaimed **area** with 837 acres (42%).
  - **Gujarat tops by percentage**, reclaiming 75% (698 out of 938 acres) of its landfill area.
- **Swachh Bharat Mission Urban (SBM-U) 2.0** was **launched in 2021**, with a vision of achieving "**Garbage-Free Status**" for all cities **by 2026**.
  - [SBM-U 1.0](#) was launched to make urban India [Open Defecation Free \(ODF\)](#).

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## No. of Dumpsites:2425 \*

\* Primarily dumpsites having legacy waste  $\geq$  1000 Tonne

Legacy Waste Qty.	Remediated Waste Qty	Waste to be Remediated
<b>2,200</b>	<b>896 (41%)</b>	<b>1,304 (59%)</b>
Area	Area Reclaimed	Area to be Reclaimed
<b>17,098.12</b>	<b>4,552.34 (27%)</b>	<b>12,546 (73%)</b>

\* Waste Qty in Lakh Tonne

\* Area in Acre

### Remediation Status

<b>Remediation Completed</b>		<b>(470)</b> No of Dumpsite
Legacy Waste Qty.	Remediated Waste Qty	Waste to be Remediated
<b>299</b>	<b>299 (100%)</b>	<b>0 (0%)</b>
Area	Area Reclaimed	Area to be Reclaimed
<b>2,549.38</b>	<b>2,549.38 (100%)</b>	<b>0 (0%)</b>



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