

10 years of Swachh Bharat Mission

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Recently, the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) marked its 10th anniversary on 2nd October 2024.

About:

- It was launched on 2nd October 2014 by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- It was also divided into **SBM-Gramin** for rural areas and **SBM-Urban** for urban centers.

Aim:

- It aimed to make India <u>Open Defecation Free (ODF)</u> by constructing individual and community toilets, and to implement waste management systems in school and anganwadi toilets.
 - An area can be notified or declared as ODF if at any point of the day, not even a single person is found defecating in the open.

Achievements:

- Under the mission, 10 crore toilets were built, and almost 6 lakh villages have been designated as ODF on 2nd October, 2019.
 - Upon completing **five years in 2021**, the government launched <u>SBM 2.0</u> focusing on creating garbage-free cities, managing faecal sludge, addressing plastic waste, and improving greywater management.
- Urban India has become ODF, with all 4,715 <u>Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)</u> completely ODF.

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