



Progress of Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen in Rajasthan

Why in News?

The **Union Minister for Jal Shakti** chaired a **crucial review meeting** to assess **Rajasthan's progress and challenges** in implementing the [Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen \(SBM-G\)](#).

Key Points

- **Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G) & Rajasthan:**
 - It was **launched in 2014 by the Ministry of Jal Shakti** to accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage and to put focus on sanitation.
 - The mission was implemented as a **nation-wide campaign/Janandolan which aimed at eliminating open defecation in rural areas.**
 - Rajasthan has demonstrated notable progress under the SBM-G initiative:
 - Ranked 10th nationally for [ODF \(Open Defecation Free\) Plus Model](#) achievements.
 - **98% of villages** in the state have been **declared ODF Plus.**
 - **85% of villages** have successfully **achieved ODF Plus Model status.**
- **Achievements:**
 - **Faecal Sludge Management (FSM):**
 - **Current Status:** Only 114 blocks have completed FSM verification.
 - No rural [Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants \(FSTPs\)](#) have been constructed yet.
 - **Recommendations:** Utilize urban resources effectively.
 - Finalize and implement a robust FSM policy.
 - **Solid Waste Management (SWM):**
 - **Progress:** 94% of villages are covered under SWM initiatives.
 - **Recommendations:** Ensure the proper functioning of segregation sheds and vehicles while connecting compost markets to enhance sustainability.
 - **Plastic Waste Management Units (PWMUs):**
 - Only one operational PWMU exists in rural Rajasthan, needing significant scale-up.
 - **Grey Water Management (GWM):**
 - **Progress:** 98% of villages have GWM systems in place, with saturation in remaining villages expected soon.
 - **Focus Areas:** Promote household soak pits for tap water connections under the [Jal Jeevan Mission \(JJM\)](#).
 - Strengthen the role of [self-help groups](#) in driving sanitation initiatives.
- **Tourism and Cleanliness:**
 - Rajasthan was urged to combine its rich tourism heritage with cleanliness initiatives and adopt the [Swachhta Green Leaf Rating program](#) to demonstrate tradition and innovation can unite for sustainable sanitation.

Swachhata Green Leaf Rating (SGLR) Program

- It is a government initiative to **promote hygiene and sanitation in the hospitality sector.**
- The SGLR program aims to **improve the quality of life and public health** by:
 - Ensuring world-class cleanliness and hygiene in hotels, resorts, and homestays
 - Improving the reputation of tourist destinations
 - Supporting local Gram Panchayats to achieve ODF Plus Model status

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