



Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban

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Why in News

Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) has achieved its target of creating **Urban India Open Defecation Free (ODF)**.

Urban areas of 35 states / UTs have become ODF and certified through **third-party verification**.

Key Points

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched various initiatives to make SBM-U a successful project. Some of them include,

- **ODF, ODF+ and ODF++ Protocol:**
 - **Norms under ODF:** No visible faeces shall found in the environment and every household, as well as public/community institutions, should be using safe technology option for disposal of faeces.
 - **Norms under ODF+:** Not a single person should be defecating and/or urinating in open. All community and public toilets should be properly maintained and cleaned.
 - **Norms under ODF++:** Proper treatment and management of faecal sludge/septage and sewage is safely managed and treated. There should be no discharge or dumping of untreated faecal sludge/septage and sewage in drains, water bodies or open areas.
- **Water + Protocol:** It is designed to ensure that no untreated wastewater is discharged into the open environment or water bodies.
- **Star rating protocol for Garbage free cities:** It is based on 12 parameters which follow a **SMART framework** – Single metric, Measurable, Achievable, Rigorous verification mechanism and Targeted towards outcomes.
As on date, **4 cities** namely, **Indore (Madhya Pradesh), Ambikapur (Chattisgarh), Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra) and Mysuru (Karnataka)** have been certified as **5-star cities**.
- **Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs):** MoHUA has also partnered with National Highways Authority of India(NHAI) to use the plastic waste for road construction. Additionally, cities have been asked to set up adequate **Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) to handle the segregation, processing and recycle of plastic waste.**
- **Swachh Surevkshan:** MoHUA launched the **Swachh Survekshan 2020 (SS 2020)** league, a quarterly cleanliness assessment of cities and towns in India.

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