

TRANSFORMATIONAL INTERVENTIONS UNDERTAKEN TO DEVELOP URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRENGTHEN URBAN GOVERNANCE, SINCE 2014: HARDEEP S PURI

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A comparative look at the progress made

Mission

Up till 31 Dec 2022

Up till 31 Dec 2023

Growth

PMAY

Houses grounded

107.30 lakhs

113.53 lakhs

6.23 lakhs

Houses completed

67.10 lakhs

79.02 lakhs

11.92 lakhs

Person days generated for gainful employment

727 crores

864 crores

137 crores

Consumption of steel

100 lakh metric tonne

120 lakh metric tonne

20 lakh metric tonne

Consumption of cement

443 lakh metric tonne

526 lakh metric tonne

83 lakh metric tonne

AMRUT

Completed projects

Rs 33,478 crores

Rs 43,573 crores

Rs 10,095 crores

Of the grounded projects, works physically completed

Rs 67,437 crores

Rs 75,256 crores

Rs 7,819 crores

Water tap connections

136.62 lakhs

187.40 lakhs

51 lakhs

Sewer connections

103.40 lakhs

147 lakhs

43.6 lakhs

LED street lights

97 lakhs

99 lakhs

2 lakhs

AMRUT 2.0

Approved projects

Rs 94,955.12 crores

Rs 1,53,573.75 crores

Rs 58,618 crores

Water tap connections to be added/serviced

2.36 crores

3.66 crores

1.30 crores

Sewerage connections to be added/serviced

60 lakhs

1.01 crores

41 lakh

Contracts awarded

0

Rs 32,703 crores

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Water distribution network to be laid/replaced

58,707 kms

1.02 lakh kms

43,550 kms

Sewer network to be laid/ replaced

15,498 kms

28,458 kms

12,960 kms

WTP capacity to be added/ augmented

7,071 MLD

9,701 MLD

2,630 MLD

STP capacity to be added/ augmented

2,158 MLD

3,939 MLD

1,781 MLD

Water bodies to be rejuvenated

1,518

2,135

617

Smart Cities Mission

Total projects

7,744

8,010

266

Completed

5,040 projects worth Rs. 93,529 crores

6,627 projects worth Rs. 1.32 lakh crores

1,587 projects worth Rs. 38,471 crores

SBM

Waste processing

74% of total 1.52 lakh TPD

77.19% of total 1.57 lakh TPD

PM SVANidhi

No. of loans sanctioned

45.03 lakhs

81.14 lakhs

36.11 lakhs

No. of loans disbursed

38.75 lakhs

76.62 lakhs

37.87 lakhs

Total loan amount disbursed

Rs. 4,548.99 crores

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SVANidhi Se Samriddhi

33.52 lakhs

58.85 lakhs

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Metro rail

Total operational

830.8 kms

905.42 kms

74.62 kms

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