

CABINET APPROVES THE CONTINUATION OF SWACHH BHARAT MISSION (URBAN) [SBM U] TILL 2025-26 FOR SUSTAINABLE OUTCOMES

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Expected Outcomes under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0

Sanitation:

Solid Waste Management:

Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0: Key Features

Over the next 5 years, the focus of SBM-U 2.0, launched on 1st October 2021 by Hon'ble Prime Minister, will be on sustaining the sanitation and solid waste management outcomes achieved and accelerating the momentum generated, thus achieving the Mission's vision of a "Garbage Free" Urban India.

The implementation of the Mission components will be done in a structured and time-bound manner, with thorough gap analysis of required infrastructure, detailed 5-year action plans, and annual action plans with timelines. The Mission will be completely paperless, digital, leveraging digital technology for complete transparency and accountability through GIS-mapped waste management infrastructure, robust user interface, online grievance redressal system, end-to-end online monitoring of projects starting from project creation to fund release, and project progress monitoring on integrated GIS-based platform.

Enablers such as outcome-based fund release, greater funding support for smaller ULBs and convergence with 15th FC grants for added funding support, structured implementation plan for each component, robust capacity building, communication and advocacy for sustainable behavior change, intensified thrust on private sector participation, and extensive industry collaboration will help in achieving the Mission's objectives within the scheduled timelines.

Key Components under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0

The following will be the key components for implementation under SBM-U 2.0:

Sustainable Sanitation:

Sustainable Solid Waste Management:

The above will be achieved through **robust capacity building** of ULBs and all relevant stakeholders, and intensified focus on **citizen engagement** through communication and advocacy, for further scaling up the **Jan Andolan**.

There will be special focus on **well-being on sanitation and informal waste workers** through provision of personal protective equipment and safety kits, linkages with government welfare schemes along with their capacity building.

Objectives of Swachh Bharat Mission- Urban

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Achievements of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban

Over the last seven years, the Mission has reached all corners of the country and has changed the lives of countless citizens with its 'people first' focus. The following are the key milestones, achievements and impact under SBM-Urban:

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