

## Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0

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- Recently, the Union Cabinet approved the continuation of 'Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban2.0' (SBM-U 2.0) for scientific processing of solid waste (for all cities) and waste water management in cities with a population of less than 1 lakh (cities that were not included in AMRUT mission) till the year 2025-26.
- SBM-U 2.0 was launched by the Prime Minister on October 1st, 2021. The objective of this mission is to accelerate the process of 'Cleanliness and Solid Waste Management' so as to achieve the goal of 'Garbage Free' Urban India. Apart from this, provisions have also been made to store and filter waste water by adopting complete liquid waste management system in cities with population less than 1 lakh.
- Under this, 3.5 lakh individual, community, and public toilets would be constructed for the population migrating to urban areas in search of employment in the next 5 years. This would ensure them complete access to sanitation facilities.
- The mission would be completely paperless and digital. The mission would be leveraging digital technology to ensure 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.
- It is to be noted that Swachh Bharat Mission was launched on October 2nd, 2014, with the objective of promoting 'Cleanliness and Sanitation' at home, society and the country. The mission has two components- SBM(Gramin) and SBM(Urban). The rural component of the scheme is operated by 'Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation' under 'Ministry of Jal Shakti' and the urban component is implemented by 'Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs'.

