



## Swachh Nagar App

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Recently, the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry has launched the **‘Swachh Survekshan 2020’**, themed **“Cleanliness is Our Right”**.

The ministry has also launched **‘Swachh Nagar App’** and **Water plus (Water+) protocol** on wastewater treatment that would become a part of cleanliness rankings of cities in the 2020 Swachh Survekshan.

People will be able to use the ‘Swachh Nagar App’ to place a **request to have solid waste, construction and demolition waste and wet waste picked up by the local civic body after making a payment.**

- They can also **track the waste-collection vehicle** on the app, ensuring accountability of municipal corporations.
- The app was already functional in Agra, Palwal and Port Blair and would now be extended to the whole country.

## Water plus protocol

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Water plus protocol, which aims to **provide a guideline for cities and towns to ensure no untreated wastewater is released into the environment**, enabling the sustainability of the sanitation value chain.

A city could be given the tag of Water+ if it ensures **100% treatment of wastewater and 10% use of treated wastewater**, among other things.

## mSBM App

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- The ministry also launched another app — **mSBM** — through which the government would be able to check **whether funds given to beneficiaries of the Swachh Bharat Mission for constructing toilets are used for the work before releasing the second instalment.**

- The app facilitates the applicants of individual household toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban (**SBM-Urban**) to know the status of their application in real-time and also help them to upload the correct photo.
  - Through the app user can **upload the photographs of beneficiaries receiving toilet facilities in their homes.**
  - While capturing the photograph, latitude and longitude of the location as well as date – time stamp is recorded automatically and gets uploaded on the central server of the Swachh Bharat Mission which is housed in the National Data Centre.

## Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban

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- The Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban (SBM-U), launched on **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014** aims at making **urban India free from open defecation** and achieving 100% scientific management of municipal solid waste.
- **Objectives of the mission are:**
  - Elimination of **open defecation.**
  - Eradication of **Manual Scavenging.**
  - Modern and Scientific **Municipal Solid Waste Management.**
  - To effect **behavioral change** regarding healthy sanitation practices.
  - Generate **awareness about sanitation** and its linkage with public health.
  - **Capacity Augmentation** for Urban Local Bodies (ULB).
  - To create an enabling environment for **private sector participation** in Capex (capital expenditure) and Opex (operation and maintenance).
- **Components of mission are:**
  - Household toilets, including conversion of insanitary latrines into pour-flush latrines.
  - Community toilets.
  - Public toilets.
  - Solid waste management.
  - Public Awareness.
  - Capacity building and Administrative & Office Expenses (A&OE).
- By August 2019, **24 states and more than 3,800 cities have been certified Open Defecation-Free (ODF).**
- More than **98% of toilet construction targets have been met.**

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