



AMRUT Mission

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Uttarakhand and **Himachal Pradesh** have been appreciated for the progress made under AMRUT Mission (**Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation**).

Both the states were also requested to initiate activities under the “**Catch the Rain**” campaign. The **objective** of this campaign is to **conserve/harvest every drop of water**.

This campaign **incorporates rainwater harvesting** in all the structures of the cities.

Key Points

- **About the AMRUT Mission:**

- **Launch:** June 2015

- **Concerned Ministry:** Housing and Urban Affairs

- **Purpose:**

- To ensure that **every household has access to a tap** with the assured supply of water and a **sewerage connection**.

The **Priority zone of the Mission** is water supply followed by sewerage.

- To increase the amenity value of cities by developing greenery and well maintained open spaces (e.g. parks).

- To **reduce pollution** by switching to public transport or constructing facilities for non-motorized transport (e.g. walking and cycling).

- **Components:**

Capacity building, reform implementation, water supply, sewerage and septage management, storm water drainage, urban transport and development of green spaces and parks.

The **reforms** aim at improving delivery of citizen services, bringing down the cost of delivery, improving financial health, augmenting resources and enhancing transparency. It also includes **replacement of street lights with LED lights**.

- **Central Sponsored Scheme:** Total outlay for AMRUT was Rs. 50,000 crores for five years from FY 2015-16 to FY 2019-20.

Unable to meet set targets for urban renewal in 500 cities, the Centre has **extended the mission period of AMRUT upto 31st March, 2021**.

- **State Annual Action Plan (SAAP):**

AMRUT has made states equal partners in planning and implementation of projects by approval of SAAP once a year by MoHUA and states have to give project sanctions and approval at their end, therefore actualisation of **cooperative federalism**.

- **Supervision:** An Apex Committee (AC), chaired by the Secretary, MoHUA and comprising representatives of related Ministries and organisations supervises the Mission.

- **Status of AMRUT Mission in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh:**

- Himachal Pradesh is ranked 15th and Uttarakhand 24th in AMRUT's National rankings (performance-based).

Odisha topped the rankings.

- Both the States have implemented the **Online Building Permission System (OBPS)** in their Mission cities.

OBPS is a part of '**Ease of Doing Business**' and should be implemented in all the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) apart from Mission cities.

- The **Credit Rating work** has been completed in all Mission cities in the two States.

Credit rating is an assessment of an ULB's ability to pay its financial obligations.

- Both the States were informed that the Ministry has developed a **common Dashboard** for all the Missions (e.g. **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban, Smart Cities Mission**) of the Ministry where information relating to all States/UT and cities would be available. The States/UT may use this facility for **monitoring the progress**.

States were requested to update the details of Missions regularly so that the progress would be updated in the portal/dashboard. This data is used for monitoring, reviewing and assessment of monthly rankings on the progress among the states.

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