Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen Phase-II

Why in News

Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM (G)] Phase-II is making steady progress amidst **Covid-19** with **1249 villages declared ODF(Open Defecation Free) Plus.**

- **SBM (G) Phase-II** was approved in **February 2020** by the **Ministry of Jal Shakti.**
- **ODF Plus** entails that ODF behaviours are sustained, and every village has access to solid and liquid waste management.

Key Points

- **About SBM(G) Phase-II:**
    - **About:** It emphasizes the sustainability of achievements under **phase I** and to provide adequate facilities for **Solid/Liquid & plastic Waste Management (SLWM)** in rural India.
    - **Implementation:** SBM (G) Phase-II will be implemented from **2020-21 to 2024-25** in a mission mode with a total outlay of **Rs. 1,40,881 crores.**
    - **Funding Pattern and Norms:** The fund sharing pattern between Centre and States will be **90:10** for North-Eastern States and Himalayan States and UT of J&K; **60:40** for other States; and **100%** for other Union Territories.
        - Funding Norms for **SLWM** have been rationalized and changed to per capita basis in place of the number of households.
    - **Monitoring:** The SLWM component of ODF Plus will be monitored on the basis of output-outcome indicators for 4 key areas:
        - Plastic waste management,
        - Biodegradable solid waste management (including animal waste management),
        - Greywater (Household Wastewater) management
        - Fecal sludge management.
    - **Significance:**
        - It will continue to **generate employment and provide impetus to the rural economy** through construction of household toilets and community toilets, as well as infrastructure for SLWM such as compost pits, soak pits, waste stabilisation ponds, material recovery facilities etc.
        - It will also **help rural India effectively handle the challenge of solid and liquid waste management** and will help in substantial improvement in the health of the villagers in the country.
- **Swachh Bharat Mission (G) Phase-I:**
    - The **rural sanitation coverage** in the country at the time of launch of **SBM (G)** on 2nd October, 2014 was reported as **38.7%**.
    - More than 10 crore individual toilets have been constructed since the launch of the mission; as a result, rural areas in all the States have declared themselves ODF as on 2nd

October, 2019.

- **Other Schemes as part of SBM:**
    - GOBAR-DHAN **(Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources) Scheme:** It was launched by the **Ministry of Jal Shakti in 2018.**
        - The scheme aims to augment income of farmers by converting biodegradable waste into **compressed biogas** (CBG).
    - **Individual Household Latrines (IHHL):** Under SBM, individuals get around 15 thousand for the construction of toilets.
    - **Swachh Vidyalaya Abhiyan:** The Ministry of Education launched Swachh Vidyalaya Programme under Swachh Bharat Mission with an objective to provide separate toilets for boys and girls in all government schools within one year.

Way Forward

- The pandemic has largely sensitized the people of this country towards personal health and hygiene. This awareness must be built upon to further the goals under Swachh Bharat Mission.
- The landmark allocation, to the tune of **1.42 lakh Crores** over 2021-25, made by the **15th Finance Commission** towards Water and Sanitation sectors is termed as a game changer for Gram Panchayats.

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