



# Rashtriya Swachhata Kendra

## Why in News

The Prime Minister will inaugurate Rashtriya Swachhata Kendra (RSK) on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

## Key Points

- RSK is an interactive experience centre on the [Swachh Bharat Mission](#).
  - It will introduce future generations to its successful journey as the **world's largest behaviour change campaign**.
  - It will showcase the **core elements of the mission** and anecdotes on the journey of the country from *Satyagraha to Swachhagrah*.
  - It will impart **information, awareness** and **education** on **Swachhata** (sanitation) and related aspects.
  - The installations at RSK will include audio visual immersive shows, interactive LED panels, hologram boxes, interactive games etc.
- Rashtriya Swachhata Kendra (RSK) was first **announced** on the occasion of the centenary celebrations of [Mahatma Gandhi's Champaran Satyagrah](#).

## Swachh Bharat Mission

- Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) or Clean India Mission is a country-wide sanitation campaign launched on **2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014**.
- **Objectives:** Elimination of **open defecation**, eradication of [Manual Scavenging](#), modern and scientific municipal [solid waste management](#) and bring behavioral change regarding healthy sanitation practices.
- It encompasses **two missions**:
  - [Swachh Bharat Mission \(Urban\)](#): Implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (M/o HUA) for urban areas.
    - Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) recently achieved its target of creating **Urban India Open Defecation Free (ODF)**
  - [Swachh Bharat Mission \(Grammen\)](#): Implemented by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (M/o DWS) for rural areas.
    - Recently, SMB(G) completed its Phase-I and its [Phase-II](#) was launched.
    - Swachh Bharat Mission (G) Phase-I: The **rural sanitation coverage** in the country has increased from 38.7% to 100%.
    - More than **10 crore individual toilets** have been constructed since the launch of the mission.
    - All rural areas in all the States have declared themselves **ODF** as on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019.

## Way Forward

- Although the goal of making India Open Defecation Free and enhancing Solid and Liquid Waste Management mechanisms has been achieved, the work on sanitation and behavioural changes requires **continued efforts to sustain the gains** made during the first phase of the campaign.
- It is imperative that the phase-II of SBM focusses on **convergence between different verticals of financing and different schemes of Central and State governments.**

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